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Come off it Doc, our kids are best

With everyone preoccupied by the World Cup, I was surprised to read Tommy Docherty advocating that Australia should cash in on the 600 or so out-of-work professionals in England.

Docherty wrote in a newspaper column that Australian clubs should import some of the players.

But look at the smaller nations that have done well in the World Cup. Honduras, Cameroon, Kuwait, Algeria all fielded excellent teams made up of home-grown players, most of whom showed a tremendously high level of skill.

They don't rely on imports, and neither should we, because it becomes clearer as every year goes by, that we have excellent players right here at home.

Docherty himself has said that Kotholos, Ziras, Peter Wilson, Koussas, and Jennings are capable of playing anywhere in the world.

If so, why advocate bringing in foreigners who will keep out similar budding stars?

Davidson, Blair, Nicolaides, Tzigaras, Yankos, Bekiaris, Valentine, Slater, Licata, Calderon, Patikas, McCulloch, Carbone, Craig Lowe, Belic, Ileski, Ristovski — some established stars, others quite new on the scene — all have

learned their soccer right here.

And it is with such players that we will revive our national team — not with out-of-work professionals from overseas.

It is on local young players that coaches should concentrate. By putting in solid effort and perseverance, we can improve these players even more.

We showed what could be done late last year, when only bad luck prevented Australia from going all the way into the final of the World Youth Championship, and perhaps even winning it.

Countries like Honduras, Kuwait, Algeria and Cameroon obviously planned very well for the future and their coaches worked very hard on the raw material available in their own back yards, so much so that in 10 or 20 years time, I can see an African country in particular, going all the way to a World Cup final.

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Boniek out

Zbigniew Boniek has been suspended from Poland's World Cup semi-final on Friday morning, Australian time.

The brilliant midfielder, one of the finest players in the championship, was shown the yellow card for the second time of the series against the USSR. Under the rules, he therefore

must serve a one-match suspension.

His absence limits Poland's chances of causing an upset, but should it win its semi-final, Boniek will be back for the final.

Poland's opponent on Friday is Italy which beat Brazil 2-2 in their last group match, with Paolo Rossi scoring 3 goals.

France was the first nation to qualify for the semis, thrashing Northern Ireland 4-1 with a breathtaking display of skilful, attacking soccer, during which midfield

star Michel Platini played with a plaster bandage on his injured leg.

France is recognised as the most skilful team apart from Brazil, but it has been criticised for lacking punch. It meets West Germany which qualified for semi-finals after England had managed only a scoreless draw with Spain.

What chance a Poland v. France final? It would be the biggest upset in World Cup history.

The final will be played in Madrid at 4 am on Monday morning our time.

Shootouts, two refs for Pele

Former superstar Pele has proposed major changes in the way international soccer is played, warning that "rigid conservatism threatens the image of soccer."

In a letter to Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, Pele suggested the use of two referees instead of one, institution of the shootout to resolve draws and substitution of official warnings with five-minute immediate suspensions for fouls.

Pele proposed that two referees instead of one control games, one at each half of the field. He also wants to abolish official cautions at matches. Instead, Pele suggested a player be suspended from the game for five minutes if he breaks a rule, a procedure similar to that used in ice hockey.

"Two referees would more easily resolve calls and would avoid conflicts on and off the field," he said. "I am not attacking the referees as much as I am the organisers, who give the referees so much responsibility."

\$2 million backing for

Socceroos

BRAZILIANS TO VISIT

A \$2.1 million sponsorship deal for Australia's 1986 World Cup campaign appears to have been finalised in Spain by Australian Soccer Federation president, Sir Arthur George.

The federation's executive director, Brian Le Fevre said: "Sir Arthur has had wide-ranging discussions with Patrick Nally of West Nally Limited on the details."

"He will announce all plans when he returns to Sydney on August 6."

The money will be used exclusively for the national teams at youth and senior level.

West Nally has withdrawn from the marketing of the World Cup series in 1986 and 1990 and will devote its activities mainly to the United States and Australia.

Its Sydney headquarters will be greatly extended in coming months.

Sir Arthur said: "The sponsorship is what I have been working for since we were eliminated from the World Cup qualifying rounds."

"The \$2.1 million is in excess of what we received from West Nally for our 1982 World Cup campaign."

The Phillips League is not included in the sponsorship, but plans have been drawn up to present to the PSL administrators.

This includes a soccer competition similar to rugby league's KB Cup and Australian football's Escort Cup series on TV. The channel likely to be involved is the ABC.

A proposal will be put forward at the FIFA congress next Friday to give Oceania a seat on the FIFA Executive.

Such a move could help cut down the tremendous travel in World Cup elimination games.

A move is also underway for a Brazilian side and team of Brazilian coaches to visit Australia.

It is planned that seven Brazilian clubs will tour the under-developed soccer nations after this World Cup to spread the Brazilian doctrine.

Sir Arthur has also made a request to FIFA president, Mr Joao Havelange, that a team of Brazilian coaches visits Australia to teach the Brazilian coaching method to local coaches.

Australia will seek FIFA approval next week to stage an eight-nation Pacific Cup tournament next year.

The Australian Soccer Federation's Brian Emery, who left today for Spain, will contact prospective competitors while attending the FIFA congress in Madrid.

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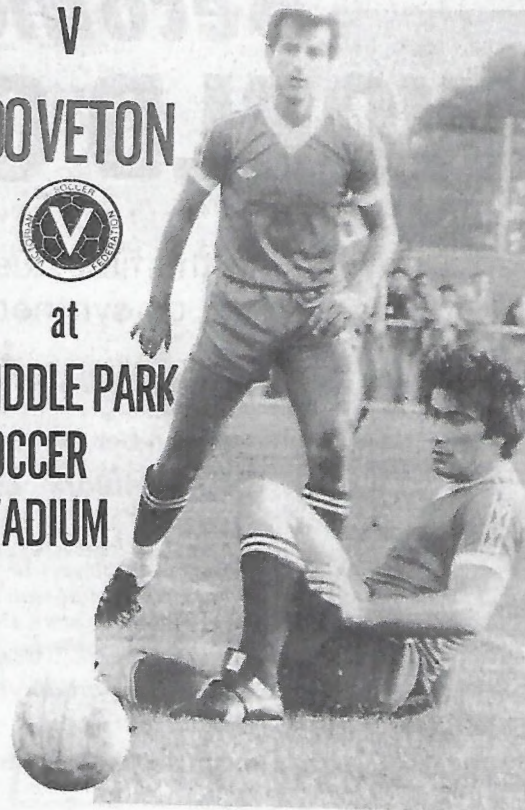
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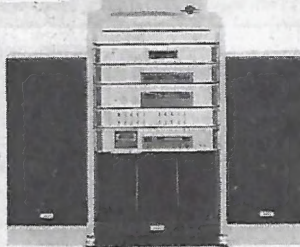
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FRANCE 4 (Giresse 34th
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69th) NORTHERN IRELAND 1
(Armstrong 76th) in Madrid.

NORTHERN IRELAND — Pat
Jennings, Jimmy Nicholl, Chris
Nicholl, John McClelland, Mal Do-
naghy, David McCrory, Martin
O'Neill, Sammy McIntyre, Billy Ham-
ilton, Gerry Armstrong, Norman
Whitely.

Substitutes: Jim Platt, John O'-
Neil, Tommy Cassidy, Tom Finney,
Jim Cleary.

FRANCE — Jean-Luc Ettori,
Manuel Amoros, Gerard Janvion,
Maxime Tresor, Maxime Bossis,
Jean Tigana, Bernard Genghin,
Alain Giresse, Michel Platini, Domi-
nique Rocheteau, Gerard Sola.

Substitutes: Jean Castenede,
Patrick Battiston, Christina Lopez,
Didier Six, Alain Couriol.

Northern Ireland made
two changes for this vital
World Cup second-round
Group D match.

Pat Jennings returned to
goal after injury forced him to
miss the 2-2 draw with Austria
and Mal Donaghy, sent off in
the 1-0 first round win over
Spain, resumed at left-back.

The Irish wanted a win to

Mastermind

Platini

reach the semi-final while
France, needing a draw to go
through, made three changes
from the side who started the
1-0 win over Austria.

Midfield star Michel Platini,
injured in the first round,
came out with plaster on his
injured right thigh.

Defender Manuel Amoros
returned after a one-match
suspension and Dominique
Rocheteau, a substitute last
time, took a place in the at-
tack.

Here was almost a repeat of
the last time these teams met
in the World Cup finals. In
Sweden, 24 years ago, the
French won 4-0 in a quarter
final.

In the 35-degree celsius
heat of Madrid's Calderon Sta-
dium, the Irishmen went out
with pride, after winning the

hearts of nearly everyone who
saw them battle unexpectedly
through to the second round.

They played as well as they
had in their earlier four
matches in the finals, but
there were not match for a
French side which was solid in
defence, stylish in midfield
and devastating in attack.

The centre of the pitch was a
sea of blue French shirts vir-
tually throughout the match as
even full backs Maxime Bossis
and Manuel Amoros and
sweeper Marius Tresor pushed
forward.

Platini was at the heart of
most French attacks and it
was when he won his way to
the by-line and laid the ball
neatly back that Giresse was
on hand to slot the ball home
and put France ahead in the
34th minute.

In the second half, Domique
Rocheteau brought the score
to 3-0 with goals in the 47th
and 69th minutes.

Gerry Armstrong pulled one
back for the Irishmen in the
76th minute, but Giresse was
on target again in 81 minutes
to complete the scoreline.

SACK MILJANIC!

From
ZIKI
NIKOLIC

hordes of photographers and
TV-cameramen.

Some nagging people have
mentioned the unfinished work
in Malaga (what about Olym-
pic Park?), but look at the
splendid conditions in Barcelo-
na, Valencia, Madrid, Alican-
te, Elche, Seville and specially
Valladolid, where a com-
pletely new stadium was built
for the World Cup.

The atmosphere is magnifi-
cent, but some of the games
are below our Phillips League
standard. The criticism of our
seasoned players often are un-
justified, when you see some
of the world stars behaving
and playing like beginners.

One of the biggest dis-
appointments after the Span-
ish eleven was the Yugoslav
national team.

I am sure many heads will
roll in Yugoslavia. First
should be the head of coach
Miljanic, who stubbornly kept
the same players from last
year.

Many of them were out of
form and injured for long
periods. He avoided playing
international friendlies to
cover many weaknesses of his
team.

The last few training games
against Yugoslav teams were
a good warning to Miljanic but
he did not change his mind.

The Spanish journalists do
not spare words about the poor
performance of the Spanish
national team. The referees
helped it to reach the second
phase to save Mundial from
financial disaster. This is ad-
mitted by the Spanish press.
Their comment is: The Span-
ish team looks very poor in
this World Cup. The football
our players have displayed has

been among the worst of the
first round. The man chiefly
responsible for this low quality
game is Jose Emilio Santama-
ria, who instructed, organised
and trained the men who went
on the field.

All Spain is praising Po-
land's Boniek. The Polish mid-
fielder, recently signed by Ju-
ventus, has given a virtuoso
performance of football.

The World Cup helped the
Argentines to forget the Fal-
kland Islands disaster. While
the games are on television,
Buenos Aires comes to a
virtual standstill. Supporters
of Argentina in Spain were the
best behaved. This cannot be
said for supporters of Eng-
land, despite the "behave",
pleas by the British Prime
Minister.

She hoped that they would
be good representatives for
Britain, like the young men
with the Falklands task force.
Her pleas fell on deaf ears.
Groups of young English
soccer fans helped to destroy
the goodwill of Spaniards and
holidaymakers along the pro-
British coastline between
Bilbao and San Sebastian.

Rene Courie, FIFA secre-
tary, admits that West
Germany and Austria "fixed"
their match but it would be
"difficult to prove". The case
would be examined by the
organising committee. Algeria
called for the disqualification
of the Germans and Austrians.
The worlds press tended to
back the Algerian allegations.
Spain's EL PAIS said: "The
only things they failed to do
was kiss each other. It was a
day of shame". Even in
Norway they claimed: "... It
was one of the darkest chap-
ters in the history of soccer... a
new Anschluss. The teams
could just as well have ex-
changed shirts before the
match."

Indoor turf

A \$20,000 synthetic turf sur-
face which was used in last
year's indoor tournament at
Festival Hall, will be laid
down in premises at Slough
Road, Altona (Vic) to provide
the first indoor soccer facility
of its nature in Australia.

The indoor game which is
becoming more and more pop-
ular through the world is
spreading fast in Australia.

Last November, Melbourne
was the venue for the televised
series from Festival Hall.

In Sydney organised com-
petitions for all age groups and
women are well advanced.

Because of the popularity of
the game, lack of suitable
arenas is posing a big problem
for organisers.

The Philip's League has
plans for an indoor com-
petition in the future, but once
again suitable venues will be a
problem.

In America the indoor game
is booming, with crowds of
some 20,000 attending games.
The franchise which cost \$25-
000 five years ago is now at \$14
million.

World class players like
Pele and Beckenbauer are of
the opinion the indoor game is
a great training ground for
skills, especially for juniors.

Melbourne has over 500
junior teams at all levels. No
doubt this new indoor facility
will attract the attention of
clubs, coaches, and parents,
especially during the heavy
winter conditions.

It will not interfere with the
official outdoor competitions
because it will be run only on
weekdays.

Teams will be able to carry
sponsor names.

League competitions will be
organised to suit all groups.

ITALIANS THRIVE ON A CHALLENGE

From page 1

When I said during
the 1978 World Cup
that Italy would be a
big threat to the
world giants, many
people, including Ray
Clemence who was
doing a Craig John-
ston as ABC com-
mentator at the time,
didn't take me
seriously.

Italy however, beat Argen-
tina in that world

championship, and was one of
the big powers of the series.

It came as no surprise to me
therefore that Italy beat Ar-
gentina this time.

Italy is a funny team. Very
rarely does it concede more
than one goal even to the best
of teams, but against the min-
nows, it seems to lose concentra-
tion a bit.

In 1974, for example, it
struggled to beat Haiti, in 1986
it lost to South Korea, and this
time it managed only a score-
less draw with Cameroon.

But against one of the gi-
ants, the Italian character
makes the players tick the way
they should. It's a feeling for
the big time, and also very
much a matter of pride.

It's just a shame that Italy,
Argentina and Brazil landed in
the same group, for only one of
them can advance.

Watching the St George v
Adelaide City game recently, I
was tremendously impressed
by the immaculate ball dis-
tribution of Adelaide City goal-
keeper Bobby Ferguson.

Since Ron Corry, I have not
seen a goalkeeper who can dis-
tribute the ball via his foot or
hand as accurately as Fergu-
son — and the latter is even
better at it than Corry was.

Why, even Adelaide City's
equalising goal, scored by
Sergio Melta, came from a
long kick-in from Ferguson.

Ferguson of course played
for West Ham for 14 years, and
he is living proof of the kind of
excellence that professional
coaching can develop.

Talking about profes-
sionalism, what about Dez
Marton? He was well marked
by Bobby Russell and Neville
Flounders, yet when John Nys-
kohus made a mistake in an at-
tempted back-pass, Marton,
with the help of Peter Stone,
showed super coolness in slot-
ting away the goal that put
Saints 2-1 ahead.

It puzzles me that all the re-
porters wrote about Dennis
Duarie's own goal against
Saints, and did not mention the
equally costly mistake made
by John Nyskohus.

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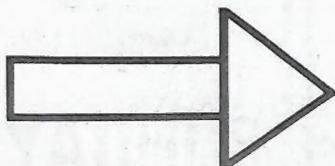
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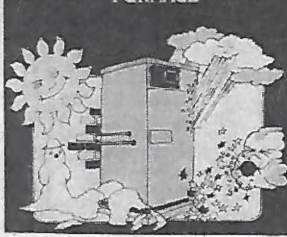
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RETRAVISION

Passarella a 'coward' says Zico, Maradona sent off

BRAZIL 3 (Zico 12th., Serginho 67th, Junior 74th) ARGENTINA 1 (Ramon Diaz 89th) at Barcelona. Referee: Mario Rubio Vasquez (Mexico).

ARGENTINA: Ubaldo Fillol, Jorge Olguin, Luis Galvan, Daniel Passarella, Alberto Tarantini, Osvaldo Ardiles, Juan Barbo, Diego Maradona, Daniel Bortoni, Gabriel Calderon, Mario Kempes. Substitutes: Hector Boley, Julio Olarticochea, Enzo Trossero, Ramon Diaz, Santiago Santamaria.

BRAZIL: Valdir Pereira, Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Socrates, Zico, Falcão, Cerezo, Serginho, Eder, Substitutes: Paulo Sérgio, Edvaldo, Edinho, Batista, Paulo Isidoro.

Diego Maradona, the young Argentine who was the centre of so much expectation before the World Cup finals started, prepared to leave for home carrying a burden of bitter disappointment.

For Maradona, the finals ended four minutes early when he was sent off in a heated climax to the second-round match against Brazil. The Brazilians won 3-1 and Argentina's four-year reign as world champions was over.

As Maradona walked from the pitch he crossed himself and fought back tears.

Over the past month Maradona has himself been subjected to some of the harsh treatment that reduced Pele to an invalid but there could be no excuse for the way he thrust his boot, studs first, into Batista's groin in this match.

And no one is more aware of this than Maradona himself. "I recognise publicly that my expulsion was totally justified," he said. "My tackle was very hard. My leg just went. I am sorry."

Maradona conceded: "Brazil was the better team. We lost to the future world champion."

Of the five matches that Maradona played, only against El Salvador and Hungary in the first round in Alicante did he show anything approaching his best form. He was unable to cope with the vigorous man-to-man marking of Belgium and Italy and his skills were suffocated by the superb technique of Brazil's defence.

Maradona's victim Batista, had come on moments earlier for Zico, who had been put out of the game by a tackle from Argentine captain Daniel Passarella. Zico suffered a knee injury.

Passarella's foul and Maradona's sending off brought the match to a bitter end.

Eder, the Brazilian winger, was uncompromising in his condemnation of Passarella. "It is incomprehensible that a professional player like Passarella should behave that way," he said. "In the match against Italy he made tackles like that, and today with Zico he has confirmed that he is a coward."

It was Zico who put Brazil on the path to victory with a

12th-minute goal, his fourth of the finals, and Serginho and Junior also scored before Ramon Diaz collected Argentina's goal in the dying moments.

Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti spoke later of the "unique Ball Control" of the Brazilians but said that the real difference between the two teams was the finishing.

Zico created and scored Brazil's opening goal, splitting the Argentine defence wide open with a slide-rule pass into the path of Serginho who was roughly pulled down from behind by Passarella 30 metres out.

Eder's venomous free kick thudded off the crossbar and the ever-alert Zico was on hand to stroke his fourth goal of the competition over the line.

The tireless and elegant Falcão set up the second goal with a measured cross which Serginho headed sweetly past Argentine goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol.

Brazil, which has not lost to its traditional rivals for 12 years, took the tally to three when Zico set up a perfect opening for Junior who beat Fillol with a crisp left-footer.

Argentina, needing a win to retain any hope of keeping the title, made two changes to the team which lost 2-1 to Italy in the opening group game.

Juan Barbas came into midfield for the suspended Americo Gallego and Gabriel Calderon returned to the attack in place of Ramon Diaz.

Brazil named the side which collected maximum points in qualifying for the second round.



Brazil's coach Tele Santana puts goalkeeper Carlo Alberto Gallo through a training session.



Diego Maradona, sent off, bows his head in disgrace, as he gets a reassuring pat from Alberto Tarantini.



Full back Junior slots one of Brazil's three goals past Ubaldo Fillol.

Baltacha's effort not enough

POLAND 0 SOVIET UNION 0 in Barcelona. Referee Bog Valentine (Scotland) 7. SOVIET UNION — Dasayev, 8, Sulakvelidze

SOVIET UNION — Dasayev 8, Sulakvelidze 8, Chivadze 7, Baltacha 8, Davyanenko 7, Borovskii 8, Bessonov 8, Giganesyan 7, Gerdiev 6, Shengelia 6, Blichkin 6.

POLAND — Mlynarczyk 8, Dabich 8, Zmuda 8, Janer 8, Majewski 8, Buncol 7, Lato 8, Matysik 7, Kucpawicz 7, Boniek 6, Smolarek 7.

Baltacha marked Poland's star Boniek out of the game to clinch a scoreless draw, but that result turfed the Soviets out of the World Cup and sent to Poles into the semi-finals.

The crowd jeered and whistled the lack of action and also showed their disapproval when the Spanish police removed a number of banners supporting the Polish free trade union solidarity.

Poland seemed curiously unquitting to attack, apparently satisfied with a 0-0 scoreline which would maintain their unbeaten record and clinch their semi-final place.

And the Polish defence had little difficulty in dealing with a lightweight Soviet attack.

Play was bogged down in midfield for long periods, but fussy Scottish referee Robert Valentine still booked five players.

The Poles carved their best chances midway through the second half and Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev had to save in quick succession from Walkemar Matysik and Boniek.

Before the match, Polish coach Antoni Piechniczek had proclaimed: "We will beat them easily."

Poland will be without the services of star midfielder Zbigniew Bonier in the semis. Scorer of four goals in the tournament, he was cautioned and faces a one-match suspension.

Poland's outstanding players in the Cup have been Jozef Mlynarczyk, who with England's Peter Shilton has the best goalkeeping record of the finals, having conceded only one goal, Boniek in midfield and Grzegorz Lato, who has roamed tirelessly all over the field.

The last time a Polish team and a Soviet side had met was in March, when Legia Warsaw lost 1-0 in Warsaw to Dinamo Tbilisi in a European Cup-Winners' Cup match.

Careful to forestall any serious disturbances, the authorities packed the stadium with uniformed and armed police and soldiers.

Despite this, jeers and whistles rose from the fans isolated throughout the stadium every time a Soviet player touched the ball.

Similar passions were aroused in the World Cup game.

"You must understand we don't really dislike the Russian players themselves," said one ardent supporter, "but just



French star Michel Platini

Few World Cup stars can have such an unusual background as Brazilian champion midfielder Toninho Cerezo.

The son of a clown and an actress, Cerezo was raised in a circus permanently situated in Belo Horizonte, where he commenced his playing career with the Athletic Mineiro club.

The player, whose full name is Antonio Carlos Cerezo Toninho, made his first team debut for Athletic in 1974 against bitter local rival Cruzeiro.

Although Cruzeiro was on the road to its third successive Minas Gerais State League title, it was beaten 3-0 that day and the elegant, energetic newcomer had taken the first step towards stardom.

In 1976 Athletic finally broke Cruzeiro's stranglehold on the State Championship and in the same year Cerezo gained his first international cap against Colombia.

Remembering his father's profession Cruzeiro fans had been quick to dub Cerezo 'The Clown' but they like the rest of the footballing world, came to begrudgingly acknowledge their respect for a rare talent.

CEREZO 'THE CLOWN'

By Paul Moon

He played in six of Brazil's World Cup games in Argentina, but failed to display his best form being restricted by the deep lying role manager Claudio Coutinho designated for him.

Tele Santana though has given his dynamic linkman the opportunity to produce the full array of skills he possesses in the right side of midfield.

It was during last year's Mundialito in Uruguay that Cerezo proved himself worthy of a place amongst the game's elite. Although Brazil was beaten in the final by the host, he was named 'Player of the Tournament'.

At about this time one prominent

French soccer journalist described the cool, dominant Brazilian as "long as a day without coffee". Certainly, such is his assured poise and arrogance that Cerezo appears far more imposing physically than he actually is.

After the Mundialito many overseas clubs pressed Athletic to transfer their star player. River Plate of Buenos Aires was the most persistent, but it was no more successful than the rest.

With Cerezo as its inspiration, Athletic has eclipsed Cruzeiro in its own state, but has been overshadowed in the Brazilian Championship by Sao Paulo and Flamengo, being runner-up to the latter in the 1980 campaign.

After being sent off in the qualifying round encounter with Bolivia, Cerezo was suspended from Brazil's World Cup finals opener with Russia. Many speculated that he would not regain his place.

Tele Santana had no such thoughts though and his ball winning workhorse is now well on his way to a 70th international appearance.

He turns 27 on April 21st of this year and is likely to be a key man for the Brazilians in 1986.

Rummenigge replaced, Quini a passenger

From
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WERNER

WEST GERMANY 2 (Littbarski 50th, Fischer 75th) SPAIN 1 (Zamorra 82nd) in Madrid. Referee Paolo Casarin (Italy) 8.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 7 — Klatz 7, Stille 6, K.H. Foerster 6, B. Foerster 8 — Drenth 8, Briegel 7, Bretnner 7 — Rummenigge 6 (Helders 6, half time), Fischer 6, Littbarski 8.

SPAIN: Arconada 6 — Cominho 6, Teudillo 6, Alesanco 8, Gendille 7 — Urquieda 6, Miguel Alonso 6, Zamora 7 — Juanito 5 (Lopez Ufarte 5, half time), Santillana 7, Galin 6 (Sanchez 6th).

The Germans showed they can attack when they want to, but overall, this performance demonstrated once again that the German team is inferior to its predecessors.

Tactically, it is well-organised and highly intelligent, but flair is missing.

Captain Rummenigge, probably because of a lingering leg injury, was inconspicuous and eventually was replaced by Reinders, leaving Littbarski as the only effective forward.



Pierre Littbarski (right), scorer of Germany's first goal, is congratulated by Hans-Peter Briegel and Paul Breitner.

made the other for Klaus Fischer.

Bernd Foerster impressed at left back, and Alesanco looked good for Spain in defence, but as a team, Spain was well below par.

Juanito produces his best performances only now and then, and he didn't this time. And why Quini gets a game in the national team is puzzling. He has no pace, and he rarely

years of experience in top football.

Spain deserved to be eliminated. West Germany, after this game, had not really earned the right to go any further.

Spain's defeat means a host team will not win the cup for the first time since the Mexico finals in 1970, breaking a sequence of victories by the West Germans (1974) and fallen champion Argentina

West Germany, who fought out a goalless draw with England on Tuesday, had to wait for the result of the final group B match between Spain and England yesterday (Tuesday).

Thousands of red and yellow Spanish flags greeted the host team as it played its first World Cup game in the Spanish capital.

The Spanish fans jeered the West German team when it appeared on the pitch before this vital group B match in Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium.

But after its elimination by the Germans, the Spanish team and manager Jose Santamaria were subjected to some harsh criticism in the national press.

The independent newspaper El Pais commented: "From today starts a long night in which some long knives will be sharpened in the search for victims to satisfy the thirst for justice."

"At the moment, Santamaria, top candidate for the guillotine, does not look likely to renew his contract. His performance has been so disgraceful, so negative."

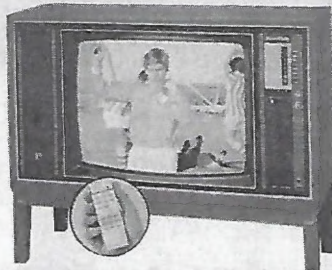
And as if all this was not enough, the Spanish team bus ran out of petrol and the players had to hitch lifts to get

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CENTURY FOR LATO

By
**DUNCAN
FRASER**

**POLAND 3 (Boniek 3rd, 26th,
9th) BELGIUM 0 in Barcelona.**
Referee: Luis Siles (Costa Rica)
9.

BELGIUM: Theo Custers 6,
Michel Ransquin 6, Luc Millecamps
6, Walter Mousuwa 7, Gerard Plas-
sers 5, Wilfried Van Moer 6, Ludo
Coeck 8, Frank Vercauteren 7, Jan
Ceulemans 7, Erwin Vandenbergh
5, Alex Czerniatynski 5.

Substitutes: Jacques Muneron,
Marc Baeske, Francois Van Der
Elst, Rene Verheyen, Raymond
Mommens.

POLAND: Jozef Mlynarczyk 8,
Marek Dabizba 8, Wladyslaw Zmuda
8, Pawel Janas 9, Stefan Majewski
8, Janusz Kupciewicz 8, Andrzej
Buncol 8, Waldemar Matyska 8,
Grzegorz Lato 9, Zbigniew Boniek
10, Wlodzimierz Smolarek 8.

Substitutes: Jacek Kaszmiarski,
Wlodzislaw Cielak, Andrzej Szar-
mach, Tadeusz Dolny, Andrzej Pa-
lusz.

This will go down in
world soccer annals as the
Zbigniew Boniek show but
let's not forget the out-
standing contribution by
veteran striker Grzegorz
Lato, making his 100th full
international appearance.

Lato was hoping that Poland
could clinch a semi-final spot.
Barring injury and a dramatic



Grzegorz Lato

loss of form the balding striker
would then equal Kazimierz
Deyna's record of 102 games
for the Eastern bloc nation.

His 101st appearance was
against the USSR.
Pity poor Belgium keeper
Theo Custers. He hadn't touch-
ed the ball before it flashed
past him and into his net after
only three minutes. That came
courtesy of a Boniek thun-
derbolt and it wasn't only the

small band of Polish fans in a
half filled Nou Camp stadium
who were cheering. A few Ital-
ians in the crowd also cele-
brated. Boniek recently was
bought by First Division
champion Juventus for over \$1
million.

Lato did the spade work
down the right for the first
goal, getting to the byline and
cutting back the ball into Bo-
niek's path.

It was a stunning opening by
the Poles against a nation
tipped as the dark horse of this
finals series.

Belgium seemed to be trav-
elling smoothly on a course
mapped out by Holland over a
decade ago. Then Dutch clubs
Ajax and Feyenoord hit the
European club scene in a big
way and national team glory
followed, Holland making the
final of the past two World
Cups.

Anderlecht and Standard
Liege recently have made
names for themselves in
Europe and it seemed that Bel-
gium would fill the shoes vac-
ated by an ageing Dutch
outfit which failed to qualify
for these finals.

Their defensive organisa-
tion, patient and creative mid-
field and sharp forwards sug-
gested the Belgians would play
a big part in the finals, until
Poland tore them to shreds.

As soon as a Belgian attack
broke down the Poles swooped

into the attacking third of the
field in strength.

All three goals were great.
The second came from a
sweet change of play from
right to left, a precise header
back into the middle of the
area and a well-timed run and
header over helpless Custers
from magician Boniek.

It was Janusz Kupciewicz
who sent over an inch perfect
drive from the right to the far
side of the Belgian area where
Andrzej Buncol's header set
up the incoming Boniek for the
coup de grace.

Then came the classic third
goal: classic in the sense it in-
volved the best off-the-ball run
seen so far in this finals series.

It started inside the Polish
midfield third on the right.
Boniek hit a 40 metre
crossfield ball and took off
toward the Belgian area. The
ball was played inside to Lato
who swivelled and knocked it
forward five metres. The Bel-
gians were on the way out,
trying to spring their famed
outside play but the timing of
Boniek's run was their down-
fall. Suddenly the magician ap-
peared unmarked inside the
Belgian area with Custers
facing him. It was to be the
Belgian custodian's last stand.
He threw out an arm in vain as
Boniek waltzed around him
and stroked the ball calmly
into the gaping goal.

Does Guy Thys have rocks in his head?

**USSR 1 (Oganesyan 48th)
BELGIUM 0 in Barcelona. Ref-
eree: Michel Vautrot (France)
9.**

USSR: Renat Daseyev 7, Tenglis
Sulkevich 6, Alexander Chivadze
6, Sergei Baltacha 6, Anatoly
Demyanenko 7, Ramaz Shengalia 7,
Vladimir Bessonov 6, Andrei Bel 5,
Khoren Oganesyan 7, Yuri Gavrilov
6, Oleg Blokhin 7.

Substitutes: Vyacheslav Chano-
v, Sergei Andreyev, Sergei Darasala,
Yuri Sushakov, Sergei Rodionov.
BELGIUM: Jacques Muneron 7,
Michel Ransquin 6, Luc Millecamps
6, Walter Mousuwa 7, Ludo Coeck 7,
Frankie Vercauteren 7, Jan
Ceulemans 7, Rene Verheyen 6, Guy Van-
dermeulen 6, Maurice De Schrijver
8.

Substitutes: Theo Custers, Rene
Vandereycken, Alex Czerniatynski,
Marc Millecamps, Raymond Mom-
mens.

Belgium left the World
Cup stage with its attack-
ing flair all too often still-
ed by the negative atti-

tude of its Russian oppo-
nent.

Caution was the keynote of
the dismal Soviet victory
achieved thanks to a well-
timed volley by Khoren Ogane-
syan three minutes into the
second half.

This was a delight for the
vovuer of midfield prod and
thrust. Little of consequence
took place in either attacking
third of the Nou Camp pitch.

The message is ominous —
now there's too much at stake,
leave little to chance and try to
steal what probably will be the
winning goal. That's ominous
for those of us who watched,
spellbound, the quality of at-
tacking play and finishing
which permeated the first
round.

The Soviets won't win a
World Cup with such a nega-
tive attitude.

Given the lack of motivation
for the Belgians going into this



Soviet midfielder Khoren Oganesyan

match with a 3-0 loss to Poland
a few days earlier it was they
who walked off Nou Camp for
the last time this finals series
with a semblance of respect.

Referee Michael Vautrot's
whistle to signal half time
barely was audible amid the
jeers of a restless crowd.

Vautrot gave the disgruntled
spectators something to cheer
about after the interval when
he neatly dummed the ball,
allowing it to pass cleanly
through his legs to its intended
destination.

There was little else to en-
thusiast about.

The Ukraine's favorite son,
Oleg Blokhin, showed
glimpses of his blistering ac-
celeration on the ball, Ramaz
Shengalia offered himself well
inside the attacking third but
never really got anywhere and
Anatoly Demyanenko wasted
his intelligent off-the-ball run-
ning down the left by poor dis-
posal.

Belgium's blond left back
Maurice de Schrijver was the
best man on the park for mine.
He must have had an in-
discernable injury when he
was substituted in the second
half, or else Belgian boss Guy
Thys had rocks in his head.

Pity poor Jan Ceulemans.
Here is a Belgian of great
quality, a world-class per-
former but all too often left by
his team mates like Robinson
Crusoe in the almost deserted
island which was Belgium's at-
tacking third.

If of us who watched
the forward Erwin Van-
denbergh score the winner
against Argentina in the World
Cup opener thought that the
Belgians were well off up
front. Four games later they
packed their bags and head for
home with just three goals to
their name.

De Schrijver was the third
left back tried out by Thys.
Clearly he was the best. Had
Thys made the right selection
from the start, had brilliant
right back Eric Gerets not
been injured, had first choice
goalkeeper Jean Marie Pfaff
been fit, had Ceulemans not
played so deep against the
Poles...

Maybe the Belgians will
take over Holland's role as a
European giant. Clearly it has
so far failed to do so.

The Soviets are disciplined
and organised. They also can
be unimaginative and ultra-
cautious.

Soviet manager Konstantin
Beskov refused to accept criti-
cism of his side's perfor-
mance.

"We are not the first team
to play cautiously in this World
Cup. Look at England and
West Germany," he said.

"I am pleased with the re-
sult. We scored a goal and we
won. Now we have to beat Pol-
and."

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Two goal Hamilton puts out Austria

**NORTHERN IRELAND 2 (Hamilton
28th, 75th) AUSTRIA 2 (Pezzey 51st,
Hintermaier 68th) in Madrid. Referee:
Adolf Prokop (West Germany) 9.**

NORTHERN IRELAND: Jim Platt, Jimmy
Nicholl, Chris Nicholl, John McClelland, Sammy
Nelson, David McCree, Martin O'Neill, Sammy
McIlroy, Billy Hamilton, Gerry Armstrong,
Norman Whiteside.

Substitutes: George Dunlop, John O'Neill,
Tommy Cassidy, Jim Cleary, Noel Brotherton.

AUSTRIA: Friedl Konicila, Bernd Kraus,
Bruno Pezzey, Erich Obermayr, Johann Preg-
esbauer, Anton Pichler, Herbert Prohaska, Ernst
Baumeister, Walter Schachner, Max Hagnmayr,
Gerold Jurdin.

Substitutes: Klaus Lindenberger, Johan Di-
nick, Gerald Moxlender, Reinhold Hintermaier,
Kurt Wael.

Hats off to the Irish! With-
out injured first choice
keeper Pat Jennings and sus-
pended defender Mal Do-
naghy they showed great

courage and character inside
the cauldron of Calderon Sta-
dium to end Austria's World
Cup with a 2-2 draw.

Jim Platt took over from Jennings and
former Arsenal left back Sammy Nelson
filled in for Donaghy.

Austria made five changes, leaving out
star striker Hans Krankl and four others
from the side which was beaten 1-0 by
France.

Both sides suffered in the 35 degree
celcius heat.

Billy Hamilton gave Northern Ireland
the lead after 27 minutes. Gerry Arm-
strong powered past two defenders on the
right wing and crossed perfectly for Ham-
ilton to nod in at the far post.

The Irish then successfully concen-
trated on defence for the remainder of the
half, but they were caught twice early
after the interval.

Austrian defender Bruno Pezzey's 50th
minute equaliser smacked more of luck

than skill as the ball cannoned off his boot
from a long shot by Ernst Baumeister.

Seconds earlier, the luck had been with
the Irish when Walter Schachner, taking
advantage of a mistake by John McCle-
lland, flicked the ball past Platt only to see
it hit the far post and roll back along the
line to eventual safety.

After 67 minutes, Austria forged
ahead through Reinhold Hintermaier who
had come on at half-time for Johann Preg-
esbauer.

But the Irish hit back seven minutes
later when Hamilton headed home his
second goal.

The Irish have survived as long as they
have by adopting an uncomplicated style
and applying it with verve and enthu-
siasm.

Everyone admires their fighting spirit
but bravery alone isn't behind their sur-
prising success.

They are very well organised at the
back, midfielder Sammy McIlroy from
English First Division club Stoke City is a
genuine playmaker and striker Gerry
Armstrong is aggressive and direct.

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Italy triumphs in the roughhouse stakes

ITALY 2 (Tardelli 56th., Cabrini 68th) ARGENTINA 1 (Passarella 84th) in Barcelona. Referee: Nicolae Rainea (Rumania).

ARGENTINA. — U. Fillol, J. Olguin, L. Galvan, D. Passarella, A. Tarantini, O. Ardiles, A. Gallego, D. Maradona, D. Bertoni, R. Diaz, M. Kempes. Subs: N. Baloy, J. Valdeano, J. Barbas, J. Valencia, G. Calderon.

ITALY. — D. Zoff, C. Gentile, F. Collovati, G. Scirea, A. Cabrini, M. Tardelli, G. Orsini, G. Antognoni, F. Grazzini, P. Rust, B. Conti, Sub: I. Bordon, G. Bergomi, G. Marini, F. Casuso, A. Altobelli.

If World Cup Football be the food of love, play on, but not, if you please, involving matches between Argentina and Italy at the Sarria Stadium, Barcelona, from where we neutrals emerged sickened by a spectacle which involved hacking and acting and hacking.

The Italians praised Gentile for the way he kept Maradona subdued throughout the match and surprised the South Americans with two good goals in the second half.

But Gentile, shadowing the world's most expensive footballer, was allowed at least six unpleasant fouls by Rumanian referee Rainea before he was eventually booked.

Maradona's pain and outrage as he frequently bit the dust was reflected through the whole team in the first half. Argentina dominated, using the flanks and Kempes' long legs to try to force its way through and the number of times it did a bit of spiteful work themselves was reflected

ed in the booking list before half time: Rossi, Kempes, Maradona, Ardiles and Gentile.

The sheer surprise of the strong and competitive Tardelli's opening goal for Italy not only stunned the World Cup holder, but saturated an American colleague who was hit on the head by a full carton of coke.

When Cabrini made it two after 73 minutes following a shrewd and cool run by Conti into the box (Rossi should have scored in the build-up and would have done but for Fillol's daring block) the Italian supporters could hardly believe their eyes.

Passarella got one back for the Argentines with an intelligent free kick as the Italians played for time, but what with Gallego being sent off, the afternoon for them ended with poison on their pettles.

In the first half alone there were 31 fouls.

At times, Rainea looked as confused as a drunk trapped in a revolving door as he collected a glittering array of names in his book.

The fouls ranged from petty to spiteful to cynical and Rainea must shoulder some of the blame for not asserting his authority in what was always going to be a torrid encounter.

Italy soaked up some persistent pressure from the defending champion during the goal-less first half. The Argentinians lacked imagination in their attacks, showing none of the guile which earned them the title four years ago. And they were woefully slow in covering up.

Their efforts slackened after the interval and the Italians took full advantage.

Tardelli's goal was classically simple. He and Antognoni and Conti carved the Argentine defence apart, finishing with Tardelli racing in from the left to sweep the ball wide of Fillol.

It was a just reward for Cabrini that he got Italy's second goal — he was one of the few men on the pitch trying to play football.

Rossi rattled a shot off Fillol's leg, Conti collected the rebound, cutting a pass back for Cabrini to thrash the ball high into the net.

Argentina's consolation came when Passarella sent a stinging free kick in from 22 metres.

A minute later Argentina's Gallego was trudging disconsolately from the field for upending Tardelli.

But Italy's performance in the first round — scoring two goals and advancing in three draws — had left doubts whether the team could reverse form and play for a win.

Giovanni Trapattoni, coach of major league Juventus which placed six men in Italy's World Cup team, had visited the Italian camp and pronounced the players "psychologically depressed" before the match.

"It must be a combination of the pressure in the first round from being favored and not managing to score goals," said Trapattoni, but he nonetheless predicted: "They won't lose against Argentina."

Argentina's coach Cesar Minotti said: "Argentina lost because our players expected too much to win; they do not hold back and play for a tie but are willing to take risks, but we were caught in a trap of Italian 'anti-football'."

Bearzot had been happy to play the underdog against Argentina.

They are the defending world champions and everyone considers them the heavy favorites," Bearzot said. "This will ease the pressure on Italy, something we need after the tensions of the first round of the cup."

Bearzot said Argentina had improved its 1978 champion side, with the addition of Maradona and striker Ramon Diaz. Italy, which defeated Argentina 1-0 four years ago and

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eventually finished fourth, was weaker because of the loss of injured winger Roberto Battaglia, the coach said.

BEARZOT NEARS HIS GOAL

An Italian side which puts the accent on attack is a rare sight but since taking over five years ago, Enzo Bearzot (pictured), 55, has worked tirelessly for such a day.

Italian players, possibly the only Europeans who can compete with the South Americans in terms of sheer skill, always are loathe to throw off the defensive shackles imposed on them by club coaches.

Bearzot, the epitome of the quiet, pipe-smoking manager, may just have broken through.

"Of course I would love to see us attack and entertain," he said. "The players receive no specific orders from me to defend if we go in front. It just comes naturally to an Italian."

Bearzot, 55, has had a chequered career as both player and manager. He played wing-half for Internazionale and Torino in the 1950s and made his international debut against Hungary in 1955.

His task was to mark the great Ferenc Puskas in Budapest. Hungary won 2-0.

Puskas scored, and Bearzot's brief international career was over.

After retiring in 1963, he qualified as a coach but failed to land a job with a top club.

Then in 1975 he was appointed assistant to Fulvio Bernardini after the fiasco of Italy's 1974 World Cup bid and took over two years later.

Bearzot, one of the most liked and respected managers in the game, has found such popularity hard to come by in Italy.

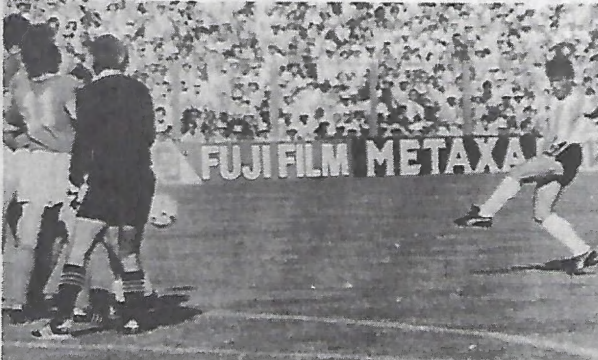
The Italian Press have never forgiven his one rare blunder during the 1978 finals.

With Italy leading the Netherlands 1-0, a result which would have put them in the final, Bearzot took off Juventus winger Franco Causio in order to bolster his defence. Arie Haan and Ernie Brandt promptly smashed two long-range cannon balls past Dino Zoff and Italy went out.

But overall, Bearzot has brought a breath of fresh air to Italian football, bringing in the likes of gaetano Schirra and Antonio Cabrini, two of the most attack-minded defenders in the world.



Antonio Cabrini, scorer of Italy's second goal against Argentina.



Argentine captain Daniel Passarella (right) slams home his country's sole goal against Italy.

Roos v Kiwis in NZ tournament?

By PAUL MOON

Within hours of New Zealand's World Cup elimination, their federation chairman, Charlie Dempsey, was outlining the Kiwis' intended build up for the 1986 competition.

The commencement of annual home and away fixtures with Australia is high on his list of priorities. This often mooted idea has been rejected by Clarence Street in the past, mainly for financial reasons.

Yearly visits by New Zealand, traditionally international soccer nonentities,

Mount Smart Stadium has been shelved.

Unfortunately it now appears unlikely that the stand will be completed before July, however the concept of such a tournament could still be pursued in the future.

The proposed tour of Tottenham Hotspur will therefore be the highlight of the 1983 season, should it eventuate.

Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw contacted Dempsey in Spain and stated that his club were keen to travel. Almost inevitably, their itinerary will have to include fixtures in Australia to be financially viable.

The NZFA President was obviously busy during his trip to Spain, also laying the groundwork for a tour of the Middle East and Britain in late 1983 or 1984.

Possible opponents on the British leg of the tour include Nottingham Forest, Glasgow Rangers, FC Bournemouth, League of Ireland, Glasgow Celtic, Watford and England B.

Obviously New Zealand are determined to present a formidable hurdle for Australia on the road to Colombia

Poles seek asylum

Twenty-five Polish soccer fans who travelled to Spain for the World Cup have asked for political asylum a Spanish Interior Ministry spokeswoman said.

Spanish authorities are reviewing their cases and will decide within two weeks, she added.

A Polish soccer supporter earlier was quoted as telling a Spanish newspaper that two busloads of fans left Poland for Spain, but only 12 arrived. The rest sought asylum on the way.

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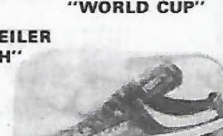
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Hail Tigana, Genghini!

FRANCE 1 (Genghini 39th)
AUSTRIA 0 in Madrid. Referee Karoly Palotai (Hungary).

AUSTRIA — Friedl Koncilia 6, Bernd Krauss 7, Erich Obermayer 7, Josef Degenberg 7, Bruno Pezzey 6, Roland Hattenberger 7, Walter Schachner 7, Herbert Prohaska 6, Hans Krankl 6, Reinhold Hintermayr 6, Kurt Jara 6.
Substitutes: Klaus Lindenberger, Kurt Wabel, Haribart Weber, Gernot Jurth, Ernst Baumelster.
FRANCE — Jean-Luc Ettori 7, Patrick Battiston 7, Gerard Janvion 6, Marius Trepo 6, Maxime Bossis 6, Alain Giresse 6, Bernard Genghini 6, Jean Tigana 9, Gerard Soler 6, Bernard Lacombe (in), Rocheteau 6, Didier Six 7, Substitutes: Dominique Barrodi, Christian Lopez, Rene Girard, Jean-Francois Larios, Dominique Roccafeau.

Who needs Michel Platini when you've got Jean Tigana? The Bordeaux star took his place in the team because of Platini's injury, and was the mastermind of this success.

The heat — just over 30 degrees celsius — seemed to sap the energy of the Austrian side as the French launched attack after attack but failed to make the most of their chances.

Bernard Genghini, the man who will replace Michel Platini at St Etienne next season when Platini moves to Juventus of Italy, took a leaf from the Platini free-kick manual when he floated one past Austrian goalkeeper Friedl Koncilia six minutes before half-time for the game's only goal.



Bernard Genghini — scored the winner.

Tigana, Genghini and tiny Alain Giresse gave the midfield an urgency it has lacked with Platini present.

The French front men were fed endless passes and must be wondering how they allowed the final scoreline to suggest an evenly contested match. France lost central striker

Bernard Lacombe in the 14th minute after he appeared to aggravate an injury which had made him a doubtful starter for the game.

Dominique Rocheteau came on in his place, gave the attack more pace and fluency, and turned in one of his best performances in a French shirt.

But he failed to dribble past Koncilia after Austrian defender Erich Obermayer made a mistake in the 61st minute and left him clear.

Winger Gerard Soler had also found himself clear in front of goal in the 32nd minute but completely missed his kick.

Robson, Junior, Pezzey

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

England's team boss Ron Greenwood, due to retire after the World Cup, will be retained by the Football Association in an advisory capacity after his successor is named. But Greenwood, who will get a pension for his services, won't have any say in future England teams.

Man tipped to become England's new manager, Bobby Robson of Ipswich Town, is reported to have rejected the F.A. offer of a three-year contract at \$110,000 a year and reports say he is pressing for \$150,000 a year on a six-year contract. Another report reckons that Ipswich has made Robson an astronomical offer to remain with the club.

The first World Cup casualty outside of Spain was in Mainz, West Germany, where a man threw his wife out of a first floor window after he was watching a game on T.V. while she wanted to switch to a Hollywood movie. The woman was taken to hospital with broken ribs and head injuries while the husband is in jail.

Peter Wernicke, an unemployed German dressed in a kilt and speaking with a put-on Scottish accent, arrived on the Costa del Sol to support Jock Stein's side.

Belgian keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff nearly drowned in the swimming pool of his team's hotel. "Death stared me in the face," he said.

Cameron keeper Thomas N'Kono used to travel to stadiums for international matches by taxi as he felt riding in the team coach was beneath his dignity.

Bob Valentine, the Scottish referee from Dundee who officiated at the West Germany v Austria match, is the fittest whistler at the World Cup according to a series of tests used by NASA astronauts. Valentine, a newspaper compositor, finished ahead of the 39 other in the tests.

Jean Vincent the French World Cup player of the 1958 competition who took over as boss Cameroon only three months ago, will take over First Division side Rennes in France next season.

Three Brazilians are bossing World Cup sides. First and foremost, Tele Santana leads his country Brazil, Carlos Alberto looked after Kuwait while the 71-year-old Tim who is going into retirement bossed Peru.

Three of Peru's World Cup players are owned by a T.V. station in Lima. The trio were all out of the country and were bought back by the T.V. company as Peru clubs couldn't afford the transfer fees. All three will go up for sale again shortly.

Brazil's 27 year old full back maestro Junior gets plenty of perks outside soccer and one of them is modelling men's trousers which nets him \$20,000 a year.

Bruno Pezzey, one of Austria's outstanding players who plays in West Germany for Eintracht Frankfurt, has several lucrative offers to join Spanish clubs now his contract with the Bundesliga side has ended. But odds are he will remain with Frankfurt.

Honduras had to pay Spanish club Valladolid around \$30,000 plus insurance cover to release Gilberto for the World Cup.

The Chilean national team is reported to be taking legal action against a publishing company which produced an album of World Cup portraits "without the player's permission".

T.V. and video recorder sales have jumped to record proportions in Brazil, in some of the playing venues in Spain restaurant trade and cinema attendances have slumped badly while West Germany is expected to lose about \$9 million hours of industrial working time through absenteeism during the competition.

Kuwait players were given special dispensation from fasting during the month of the World Cup during the celebration of Ramadan.

Seven of the Honduras side represented their country at the international youth tournament held in Tunisia in 1977.

Czechoslovakia used all its three keepers in its first two matches against Kuwait and England.

The father of Czech striker Peter Jancaka cycled all the way from his home town of Brno to watch his son play in Spain.

Lakhdar Belloumi, the Algerian striker whose claim to fame is his goal beat West Germany, was mistakenly reported dead last year after another player collapsed and died in a match in Algeria.

Paul Connell, a 27-year-old British army corporal who was wounded in the Falklands, has been given star treatment watching the England matches in Spain with his wife after a Bristol couple donated an all-expenses trip for two to his regiment.



Oswaldo Ardiles

Ardiles to St Germain, Dirceu too?

Argentine star Oswaldo Ardiles says he will join French First Division Club Paris St. Germain next season.

Ardiles, who has been with London side Tottenham for the past four years, refused to discuss the size of the transfer fee.

Speaking at the Argentine training camp outside Barcelona, Ardiles said: "I'm very sad to be leaving Tottenham after four happy and successful years."

"But really I have no option after the war over the Malvinas (Falklands)."

St. Germain also may sign Brazilian ace Dicu.

His Barcelona agent said that Dirceu had been offered \$400,000 for two years with the Paris club.

Dirceu's contract with the Spanish club Atletico Madrid has expired and under Spanish rules he, as a foreigner, can move on without a transfer fee being involved.

Dirceu, now 29, has played one match for Brazil so far in the 1982 World Cup finals, against the Soviet Union.



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Cold shoulder for Kuwait

Kuwait's World Cup team arrived home from Spain to a cool reception, with one newspaper demanding an inquiry into the affairs of the country's football association. The usual boisterous welcome of flowers, music and a motor cavalcade into the city for successful teams was missing when the players arrived, to be met only by members of their families.

Kuwait drew with Czechoslovakia but lost to France and England.

The Al-Rai Al-Aam newspaper, which called for the inquiry, said the Kuwait F.A. did not achieve the desired results.

The controversial match with France resulted in the Kuwaiti Football Association being fined \$11,400 and its

president Sheikh Fahd al-Ahmad al-Sabah being censured for "unsporting behaviour."

The match was halted for several minutes when the Kuwaitis protested against a French goal which the referee then disallowed.

Sheikh Fahd did not return with the team, but was expected to arrive later.

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Neil Banfield trendsetter?

By PAUL MOON

English football's current financial strife may herald a new era for Australian soccer. As well as the veteran import who has traditionally come to these shores in order to extend his career twilight; young and blossoming talent now is available to PSL clubs.

Adelaide City Juventus' Neil Banfield (pictured) therefore might be the first of a new breed. Banfield always appeared destined to become a champion sportsman, excelling in soccer, cricket, athletics and swimming while attending Morpeth School in East London.

It was in soccer though that he made a name for himself. After representing East London, Inner London County and Greater London under-15 selections, Banfield graduated to the England Schoolboys side in 1977.

Following seven appearances for his country at this level, the promising defender signed with Crystal Palace as an apprentice.

A series of impressive performances with Palace reserves then drew the attention of England youth team coach John Cartwright and Banfield was drafted into the squad for a tournament in Austria. He returned home with a bronze medal.

This was May, 1979, and for the next two and a half years, the Londoner was a fixture in the side. Highlights included winning the 1980 UEFA Youth Tournament staged in East Germany and participation in last season's Coca Cola Championship in Australia.

Here Banfield lined up against Cameroon, Argentina, Australia, Egypt and Rumania. The latter game provided his 18th youth cap.

Ten months earlier he had made his first team debut for struggling Palace at home to Coventry city. Further appearances followed against Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion.

All three games were lost by a woefully inadequate combination that was sliding towards relegation from the First Division. No wonder then that Banfield made little impact.

The South London club, which had 26 professional players on its books, was confronted by a severe liquidity problem earlier this year and forced to cut its staff to the bone.

Banfield therefore was handed a free transfer and Juventus stepped in with commendable initiatives.

The solid, dominant defender already has made his presence felt in the PSL with a number of classy displays.

Twenty years of age last January 20, Banfield appears assured of a fine future in the PSL.

Third time lucky for Drinoczky?

Frankston City is languishing near the foot of Victoria's State League but it may have unearthed one of the most exciting newcomers of the season.

His name is Paul Drinoczky. He's 22, a local product, young, tall, Hungarian and married. He's also very ambitious despite trying and failing twice last year to join rival State League clubs.

Drinoczky had played in the Metropolitan Leagues with Hungarian sponsored Melbourne since 1975. He'd grown weary of being told that just one more year in Metro ranks wouldn't hurt his career.

He'd played in the Victorian youth team that won the national titles as the host state in 1979. He was Victoria's stopper. Behind him was Steve Blair, at sweeper. While Blair's career blossomed into senior club and Soccer Australia honours, Drinoczky remained with Melbourne.

His father-in-law, Charlie Kaiser, believed that the time had come last year for Drinoczky to try to establish himself in State League. It was early in 1981 and pre-season training just had started.

The young stopper trained with Juventus for two weeks.

"Most of the first team players weren't even sighted. They turned up about a week before the season started. The situation didn't look too healthy," he said.

Drinoczky went to Croynod where he trained for three or four weeks running. Croynod officials told him to find out

how much Melbourne wanted for him. Drinoczky claims he was told by Melbourne that there was \$3000 on his head.

"I went back to Croynod and asked what was going on. I wanted to sign with them. I was absolutely staggered when I was told that Melbourne was asking for \$7,000 for me. I couldn't believe it at first. I phoned up Melbourne officials who denied that they had asked for that much. The following week I returned to Croynod and by then Melbourne had confirmed that there was \$4000 on my head."

Drinoczky went to the VSF Appeals Board over what he saw as an exorbitant transfer fee. His price was dropped down to \$2500.

"I went back to Croynod and they told me that they wanted to sign me. I told them the terms I wanted in my contract and they said okay. I returned on a Thursday to find that the contract put before me didn't have any of the terms I asked for. I said that I better take the contract home and think about it before signing. Croynod said no. They told me that I had to sign then and there or forget about it. I walked out."

Drinoczky was a failure in his own eyes. He still was turning over having to take Melbourne to the Appeals Board over the transfer fee placed upon him. He trained

with First Division Richmond for a fortnight until his father's influence wooed him back to Melbourne.

"My father told me that there wasn't much difference between First and Second Division soccer and he was right. I didn't really have much choice to return to Melbourne. By that stage however it was clear to the people there that I wanted to leave and I think they knew that I'd try my luck in State League once more this year."

Drinoczky refused to sign a new contract with Melbourne for this season. He waited and watched the different coaching appointments at State League clubs. Melbourne's 1980 and 1981 coach Harry Chalkitis was hired by Frankston City. A few weeks later Croynod appointed Ken Kontra who had coached Drinoczky at Melbourne in 1978 and the first half of the 1979 season. "I was hoping that Ken Kontra would phone me but he didn't. I rang up Harry Chalkitis and asked him what he thought of my chances of making a go of it in State League. He said come on down to training so I did."

Drinoczky was born in Melbourne in 1960 of Hungarian parents. His first soccer club was Keltor Austria whose ground was only 200 yards from the Drinoczky home.



Frankston City stopper Paul Drinoczky.

It was in 1972 that the tall, gangly youth joined Keltor Austria's under-12's. The late Peter Kolandit was junior secretary.

"Peter was the first man I met there. He introduced me to the other boys and I became very close to him. He was a very friendly person and it always has stuck in my mind that when I left and joined Melbourne's under-15's he told me that when Austria had returned to State League he was determined to buy me back."

Drinoczky joined Melbourne mainly because of the Hungarian connection. Most of his father's friends were involved with the club.

"Austria didn't have proper junior coaches. Usually fathers coached to help out as best they could. The only real

junior coach I had was Bill Naday at Melbourne. I found that I was learning much more about the game under him."

"We won two successive championships with the under-15's and under-16's."

"I played my first senior game against Waverley in 1977 as right back. Joe Szabo was centre half and spent most of the game talking to me and telling me what to do. I'll never forget that match and the help that the more established players gave me."

"Victoria's under-18 coach Bill Allison had shown interest in Drinoczky in 1976 but it wasn't till the 1979 youth titles that the tall defender really made his mark."

Victoria was physically stronger than the other youth teams, a factor which was to emerge increasingly as the championships reached their climax. The Victorians proved too strong for Western Australia in the final and ran out 3-0 winners.

Drinoczky's been under six senior coaches at Melbourne.

Peter Vowels, an Englishman, was coach for the first half of 1978 until he was sacked and replaced by Sam Meier for the second half of the season.

"Meier was fantastic. Technically he was excellent. He really knew his stuff. He got results straight away. He practised a lot of set piece moves under him."

Meier left for family reasons at the end of 1977. The following season was Ken Kontra's turn at the helm and Melbourne won the Second Division championship.

Things weren't so rosy in 1979. Kontra was in charge for the first half of the season when Cedo Cirkovic took over for the remaining games. Melbourne was relegated.

"Frankly, we didn't have the players to establish ourselves in First Division," said Drinoczky.

Naday was in charge for about five games of the 1980 season.

"Bill Naday always had coached juniors and this was his first venture into senior coaching ranks. The committee didn't really give him a chance. They pushed him straight out and Harry Chalkitis took over."

Ironically it was Paul Drinoczky's transfer to Frankston earlier this season which opened the door to senior team selection for brother Tibor at Melbourne.

"In the past Melbourne would buy someone to play next to me rather than slot Tibor into the side. He never has recognised as an established first team player but he's taken his chance and is doing well in the firsts now."

Melbourne recently announced an ambitious plan to build a huge complex at Williamstown, south west of the city of Melbourne. It could mark the start of a return to prominence of a club whose place in the annals of Victorian soccer history is secure. Drinoczky certainly hopes that Melbourne can rekindle its former glory.

"Yes, Melbourne can become a force once again. It's a matter of getting the right sponsors at the right time."

Another Adams hits the heights

Sunderland-born Kevin Adams, 20, brother of Melbourne Croatia's and Victoria's Keith Adams, has certainly created waves since signing with Tasmanian State League side, Glenorchy-Croatica.

In his first reserve team game he was booked, and in his second, he scored a superb goal with a left foot drive from outside the box. At the time of writing, Adams has played two first team games which resulted in one win and one loss. He has played at left back and at left wing in these games and this shows his versatility.

Adams came to Melbourne Croatia at the instigation of his brother Keith but played mainly in the reserves. After talking with Croatia's other recent signing from Victoria, Willy Coulson, Kevin decided to make the move south.

Kevin's greatest thrill in the game so far has, surprisingly, been off the field.

He attended Sunderland's victory banquet after they had beaten Leeds United in the 1973 FA Cup final. His brother, Keith, was a member of Sunderland's youth team at the time.

"I think that for any player to be in-

volved in even the slightest way with an FA Cup final is just fantastic", says Kevin, recalling the event.

He believes that the Tasmanian standard of soccer is three or four steps behind that of Victoria. He does have definite ambitions, however.

"I'd like to keep playing in the first team for the rest of the season and, maybe, even play for Victoria or Tasmania. I'm only 20 and I hope I've got a big future ahead of me."

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Two battles in four days for Makedonia and Alexander

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Fierce rivals Heidelberg-Alexander and Preston-Makedonia meet twice within four days this week in matches that will affect both teams' top-four prospects and tip one of them out of the Philips Cup.

The league game is at the Olympic Village on Sunday, and the Cup match at Olympic Park at 7.30 pm next Wednesday.

Makedonia has lost utility player John Little for the rest of the season due to a ruptured medial ligament but his replacement Graham Fox was one of the better players in the loss to Newcastle and should retain the position.

Makedonia played poorly in midfield last Sunday, and barring dramatic improvement there, it seems likely to be overrun by Jim Campbell, Theo Selemdis, Mike Valentine and Chris Bekiaris in both games.

Footscray JUST slipped to within a point of the relegation zone by losing 2-3 to Hellas, and faces the daunting task of having to counter mighty Sydney City Hakoah at Schintler Reserve.

Hakoah is firing in all positions, providing support in depth for its forwards, which has resulted in the remarkable scoring feats of John Kosmina.

JUST's only hope of success is to get away in quick counter-attacks. It also hopes to have defender Kyri Kyriakoulas and midfielder Vlatko Belli back in time.

Hakoah faces up to Brisbane Lions in their Cup match at Richards next Wednesday and should win that one as well. Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson is in the happy position of having a number of top-class stand-by players to slot into his team should there be casualties at Footscray.

West Adelaide Hellas, back in the top four, aims to stay there by beating Brisbane City at Spencer Park — a distinct possibility since Alan Vest's men, strengthened by the return of Alan Boath and Steve Sumner, are back in full flight. They should also win their Cup match against Canberra at Hindmarsh on the Wednesday.

Canberra, which had looked so promising earlier, has been slipping disastrously, and faces another possible defeat to West Melbourne Hellas at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Hellas still was waiting for coach Tommy Docherty to return from England as we went to press. His latest excuse for not turning up was that the plane he tried to catch had no seats left. A warrant was issued for Docherty's arrest in England during the week. His wife Agnes was claiming \$8500 in maintenance arrears.

Hellas however, is unbeaten in three games under caretaker coach Mike Watson, and the backing partnership of Charlie Egan and Branko Buljevic really has been firing well.

Newcastle and Wollongong, both on the crest of a wave, clash at International Sports Centre in Craig Johnston's farewell match. He is due to return to Liverpool in England.

Newcastle's young striker David Lowe showed outstanding talent against Makedonia last Sunday and his partnership with Johnston, backed up by Jim Hamilton, Stuart Robertson and Craig Mason, could give Newcastle a victory that could lift it outside the relegation zone.

Wollongong, on the other hand, is eyeing a possible position in the top four after its disastrous start to the season. Phil O'Connor, Arno Bertogna and Lee Adam have been the men behind the recovery.

Peter Sharpe again will help to pep up the Marconi forward line against Adelaide City in Adelaide and against APIA in the Cup on Wednesday.

Striker Marcos Silva, who scored 24 State League goals with Sydney Croatia last season, is another new face at Marconi and he too will prove a threat to Adelaide City if he plays.

However, Adelaide City has more at stake than Marconi and should win at home. It certainly has no intention of finishing in the relegation zone.

APIA continues its sorry slide, and there's little chance it will stop against Sydney Olympic on Sunday and Marconi on Wednesday.

Despite Olympic's loss last Sunday, coach Doug Collins still believes his team will finish in the four. "With 18 points still to be played for and our confidence still high, we can put pressure on the top sides," he said.

Brisbane Lions, also facing two games next week, is likely to lose the first of them, against St George Budapest, which isn't in the habit of losing two in a row.

League and Cup matches, with likely winners in capitals:

PHILIPS LEAGUE IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle KB United v Wollongong (draw) at International Sports Centre, Saturday, 3pm.

IN CANBERRA

Canberra v. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, Bruce Stadium Sunday 3pm.

IN MELBOURNE

Footscray J.U.S.T. v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH, Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3pm.
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Preston Makedonia, Olympic Village, Sunday 3pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v. WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS, Spencer Park, 3pm.

IN SYDNEY

APIA-Leichhardt v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC, Lambert Park, Sunday 3pm.
ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST v. Brisbane Lions, St. George Stadium, Sunday 3pm.

IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v. Marconi Datsun, Olympic Sports Field, Sunday 2.30pm.

PHILIPS CUP

(all games Wednesday, 7.30pm)
Brisbane Lions v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Perry Park.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER v. Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Canberra City at Hindmarsh.

MARCONI DATSUN v. APIA-Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium.

Semi-finals: August 11, final: September 12.

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Last week's standings in brackets.

		HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts	
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1.	(1) Sydney City Hakoah	7	2	1	24	11	6	2	3	20	10	44	21	30
2.	(2) St. George Budapest	8	2	1	19	7	2	3	5	14	22	33	28	25
3.	(6) West Adelaide Hellas	7	2	2	26	9	2	4	4	11	15	37	24	24
4.	(3) Sydney Olympic	5	1	5	20	13	5	3	5	18	16	38	31	23
5.	(4) Heidelberg-Alexander	7	2	2	21	14	2	3	5	11	16	32	30	23
6.	(5) APIA-Leichhardt	6	2	2	19	16	3	3	5	18	25	37	41	23
7.	(8) Wollongong	6	1	3	15	13	4	2	5	12	21	27	34	23
8.	(7) Preston-Makedonia	5	4	2	20	14	2	3	5	10	20	30	34	21
9.	(10) Marconi-Datsun	7	1	3	26	13	2	1	7	16	33	29	20	
10.	(13) South Melbourne Hellas	5	3	2	19	13	1	4	6	12	17	31	30	19
11.	(12) Brisbane Lions	5	2	4	19	14	1	5	4	10	14	29	28	19
12.	(9) Canberra City	3	4	4	17	17	2	5	3	12	17	29	34	19
13.	(14) Adelaide City Juventus	3	5	2	14	9	2	3	6	13	16	29	27	18
14.	(11) Footscray JUST	2	6	2	15	13	2	4	5	14	22	29	35	18
15.	(15) Newcastle KB United	3	4	3	14	13	3	1	7	15	25	29	38	17
16.	(16) Brisbane City	3	5	2	16	14	1	1	9	6	30	22	44	14

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

FERGUSON (3)
(Adel. City)

CALDERON (2) (Marconi) **KONDARIOS (3)** (Foots JUST) **BANFIELD (4)** (Adel. City) **YANKOS (3)** (H'berg)

BURNS (1)
(Brisb. Lions)

BOATH (2)
(West Adel.)

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 - 8. Redfern (SO), Jankovics (Mar).
 - 7. Simic (JUST), Millman (BL), Purdie (Can), Bradley (APIA).
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Crowd: 4457.

Referee: T. Davies.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7 — Coady 7, Rogers 7, Wilson 7, Rowden 7 — Akoutas 6 (Phillips 58m), Katholos 7, Raskopoulos 8 — Gavin 6, Koussas 6, Jennings 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 9 — Russell 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Benfield 9, Flounders 7 — Manou 8, Marocchi 8, Mella 8 — Villani 8, Rankin 7, J. Nyskohus 8.

By defeating Olympic at Pratten Park, Adelaide City had taken three points out of four from leading Sydney clubs in two successive matches.

Its form improved considerably from the previous week at St George Stadium, and it shows definite signs of being able to play to its full potential at last.

With Bristol City signing Leslie Carter due to arrive during the week, there is certain to be a big resurgence by the club.

Carter has the recommendation of England's impressive youth team manager John Cartwright and surely will add to the strike force.

Not that much was lacking on Sunday, because Charlie Villani notched two goals with near professional ease whilst Chris Manou added another at the end.

Olympic coach Doug Collins believes that the undue pressure exerted by the fans at home matches has resulted in a fall-off in results at Pratten Park.

Whilst it is certainly high time for Olympic's supporters to be far more realistic over the fact that every team must end up with none, one or two points from a match, it was no doubt the non-appearance of injured schemer Jim Redfern that contributed to the downfall.

In Redfern's absence it was so often left to Peter Katholos to handle the distribution, and City coach John Perin had given John Nyskohus the job of seeing that he was prevented from doing so.

Nyskohus did it to perfection. Peter Raskopoulos controlled things well, but George Akoutas could not measure up as he did early in the year at the St George tournament and he was replaced by Gary Phillips close to the 60 minute mark.

If Perin allowed himself the luxury of reflecting on the success of his side on the day he was well entitled to do so. Without losing control of the pitch he was able to bring back enough men to negate any Olympic attacks.

And when they fanned out it was Mella, Marocchi, and Manou who had plenty of control in midfield and Villani, Nyskohus and Rankin who looked sharp up front.

Villani has not often been amongst the goals this year, but his two in the first half showed that there should be more to come.

He opened his scoring in the 19th minute after Chris Manou had hit the bar, and in the 44th minute he scored a similar close-in goal after Neil Banfield, Manou and John Nyskohus had all contributed to the build-up.

Roger Sherack

In between times Mark Koussas, who is not applying his mind the way he did in the 1981 World Youth Cup, finished off after Graham Jennings had supplied a good ball from out on the right.

Some of the neatest and best work afield came from former England Youth International Neil Banfield.

He was as cool as a cucumber in a freezer throughout, and only once was he caught out when he made his raids through the centre.

Not one whit less effective was goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson, whose knowledge of angles, how to punch and punt would take a lot of beating.

His work gave his defence every confidence, and confident it was indeed.

Rarely could the Olympic forwards get a head to the ball around Adelaide City's goal, because up would bob a defender to whisk it away.

Two minutes after the resumption Tommy Gavin pounced on a corner but he only managed to scoop it into the waiting hands of Ferguson. Rowden went wide with a blistering shot, and later Phillips and Ken Wilson both missed.

Neville Flounders received the only yellow card of the match for showing dissent, and as the final whistle drew nearer Olympic became desperate in its attempts to salvage a point.

But then Mike Coady, who had had a quiet game, let Manou beat him comprehensively. The big fellow struck out for goal and blasted his shot under Gary Meier for a 3-1 result.

The crowd of 4457 was excellent in view of the big celebration day for the Greeks at Paradise Gardens and there was no possibility of any of them bubbling over the result. Had Olympic won it would have been in second place in view of St George's loss at Marconi, but it simply was not good enough.

Sydney C. 5
Brisb. C. 2

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Robertson 7, Bruce 7, Cant 7, Spanos 7, Petikas 7, Watson 8, Kosmina 7, Burgess 7 (Boden 73rd, Mitchell 8).

BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano 7, McVeigh 7, Pimblett 7, Herminion 7, Perry 8, Liddell 7, Hamilton 7, Conner 7, Tokesi 7, Bohan 7, Glockner 6 (Palinkas 51st).

Scorers: Petikas 10m, Kosmina 39m, 51m, Kosmina (pen) 67m, Kosmina 79m, Brisb. City: Bohan 43m, Palinkas 49m.

Referee: D. Rennie.
Crowd: 1018.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.



A perilous moment for West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook as he confronts Peter Jones of APIA.



APIA newcomer Brian Godzik (right) has little hope here of getting past Neil McGachey (right). Sebastian Giampaolo and Ian McGregor are in the background. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

West Adelaide 5
APIA 2

Scorers: Dunn (11th), Manecas (50th), Boath (55th), Honeyman (63rd), Heys (84th); APIA: Giampaolo (25th), Kafka (89th).

Cautions: Giampaolo, Jones (Leichhardt); McGregor, Brennan (sent off) (West Ad.).
Crowd: 3,250.

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Referee: Don Campbell 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:

Crook 8 — Totzikas 7, McGachey 8, Dunn 8, McGregor 7 — Boath 9, Sumner 8, Brennan 7 — Honeyman 7, Manecas 8, Heys 8.

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Parkes 7 — Carter 6, Pullen 7, McAusland 7, Skellern 7 — Kafka 6, Bradley 7, Hughes 7 — Godzik 6, Giampaolo 8, Jones 6.

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Yankos stars, but young Lions roar loudest

Brisb. Lions 1 Heidelberg 0

Score: Sunderland, 63rd.
Venue: Richards Stadium.
Crowd: about 2400.
Conditions: Sunny and warm.
Cautions: McKimmings (62nd).
Referee: Allan Kibbler 8.
LIONS: Lowndes 7, McKimmings 7, Atoney 7, Bennett 7, Niven 8, Ogden 7, Burns 8, Hogg 8, Wright 7, Sunderland 8, Millman 7.
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 8, McMillan 8, McLeod 7, Yankos 8, Tansley 7, Selenidis 7 (Taylor 70th), Campbell 7, Valentine 7, Beklaris 7, Paton 7, Cole 7.



Ricky Rosso

some of the youngsters who played alongside him. Australian youth squad member Danny Wright is one who certainly has come on during Sunderland's stay although against Heidelberg he did not have one of his better games.

But Wright is not the only youngster in the Lions team and against Heidelberg he fielded probably the youngest midfield in any PSL side this season. Coach Joe Gilroy named Steve Hogg, Paul Burns and John Ogden as his main three midfielders, all aged under 23 years, with Ron Millman dropping back from the forwards at times to make a fourth middle man.

Burns, Hogg and Ogden belied their inexperience and played tough hassling games while Millman expertly succeeded in his assigned job of marking Jim Campbell. Lions last week were talking of signing experienced State League players to cover for the many players they have out injured, including Billy Williamson, Bobby Ferris and Craig Low. But they would do well to give the middle trio of Burns, Hogg and Ogden some more games together and prepare them for next season.

At any rate, with the Queensland Soccer Federation's transfer deadline passing last Wednesday, it is unlikely Lions will get anyone although they sought extensions on three players, John Dann of Ipswich, Gary Bromfield of Waves and Mount Gravatt's Gary Bohan. Ipswich and Waves have asked for exchange players rather than cash, but Lions have no-one to give while Mount Gravatt have

slapped a \$3000 transfer on Bohan's head.

For Heidelberg, Charlie Yankos was outstanding at the back, filling in for the injured John Yzendoorn, and did his work with the minimum of fuss or error. Several times he was called upon to mark Sunderland and unlike some other defenders, namely Don Macleod, was not skinned.

Mick Valentine got through a fair amount of work and Chris Beklaris, although not getting much of the ball, maintained his position and gave Alexander width in attack.

But with Campbell shadowed by Millman, and somewhat out of the game, and the keen young Lions' midfielders contesting every ball, the Heidelberg midfield did not get a chance to settle and subsequently their service to front-runners Gary Cole and Jamie Paton was poor.

Peter Sharne shines

Marconi 3 St George 1

Venue: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 2681
Score: Mariani, Licata, Sharne (M), Barton (SG).
Yellow cards: Bazzani, Wilkinson.
MARCONI: Maher 9, Bazzani 8, Budini 8, Prskalo 7, Henderson 7, Calderon 9, Sharne 8, H. Silva 7 (M. Silva 60th - 7), Hunter 7, Mariani 7, Licata 7.
ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Skeen 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 6, Koritar 7, Ratcliffe 7, J. O'Shea 8, Stone 8, Wilkinson 6, Marton 8.

Marconi's own son, Peter Sharne, returned to Bossley Park on loan from a Hong Kong side to put his stamp on the game which netted the home side two valuable points. In fact it was almost like the "good old days" with Bertie Mariani partnering Sharne up

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SM-Hellas 3 Foots. JUST 2

Score: 1-0 Egan 5m, 1-1 Ristovski 26m, 1-2 Simic 43m, 2-2 Egan 67m, 3-2 Halford 92m.
Ground: Middle Park.
Attendance: 5000 (estimated).
Referee: C. Cambridge 8.
Cautions: Hazabent, Blair.
HELLAS: Tsigras 7, Bennett 7, Blair 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Nicolaidis 6, Halford 8, Davidson 6, Shirra 6, Egan 8, Buljevic 9, Campbell 6.
JUST: Ciric 8, Stojcevic 6, Kondariou 9, O'Reilly 6, Hazabent 7, Jovanovic 6, Ilioski 7, Milne 6, Ristovski 7, Simic 6, Kojic 6, (Curovic 72m).

Regardless of the result and the thrills and spills it produced, this match stood out as a personal triumph for two players now proving indispensable to the re-



Peter Desira

spectable sides after their future had at one stage looked in doubt.

Jim Kondariou and Branko Buljevic, both now bracketed in the veteran category and almost discarded at one time or another over the past 18 months, stood out like beacons and provided inspiration for teams that cannot in all honesty be drawing confidence from all that is happening off the park at either Hellas or JUST.

Kondariou still is carrying the stigma of being axed from the captaincy after a contractual dispute but the club has no better reader of the game, no better header of the ball, and definitely no better leader for a team which, whether Milenko Rasmir admits it or not, is well and truly embroiled in a relegation battle from now on.

I say this with all due respect to Zoran Ilioski, whom I admire greatly as a player, but who still lacks the experience to impose his authority on the team or a game.

Buljevic was very much on the outer at Hellas after the departure of his mentor and greatest admirer John Margarithis but it is significant that his return to the starting line-up has coincided with Hellas'

run of three unbeaten matches.

He has scored in two of those games and caretaker coach Mike Watson was honest enough to admit afterwards that Hellas "wouldn't have won it without Branko" on Sunday.

The TV replay on Sunday night didn't do him justice but the gangling winger presented himself in unmarked positions while Charlie Egan insisted on going it alone in front of goal in the opening half hour.

Egan's goal sense has been the one saving grace in Hellas' dismal close season spending spree and the striker deserves all the glory for what he has achieved so far but he ought not to be taking the whole world on when other players are better positioned.

At it was, Buljevic had a hand in the first and set up the second for Egan in a game in which the lead changed three times.

The match was only five minutes old when Egan ran onto the return pass from Buljevic to hammer past Milutin Ciric from inside the box.

Ciric kept JUST in the game with three great saves before the visitors grabbed the equaliser through a thunderbolt from Mendo Ristovski in the 26th minute.

Referee Chris Cambridge had to check the netting and order running repairs as Ristovski's shot, despite pressure from three defenders - went straight through the goal and hit the back fence.

JUST took the lead four minutes from half time following a goalmouth scramble in which Socrates Nicolaides cleared off the line from Kondariou.

Paul Simic applied the finishing shot although Kondariou's knee helped to deflect the ball out of Tsigras' reach.

After the break it was Hellas' turn to look a beaten side but it got the lift it was looking for in the 82nd minute through Egan's second goal.

Buljevic deserves all the credit for it, turning under pressure after receiving from Egan, then riding two tackles before squaring the ball for the nippy striker to shoot home.

Carl Holford, who had an impressive afternoon in midfield, grabbed Hellas' winner in the second minute of injury time, swooping on to the rebound after Igor Hazabent had blocked a shot from Egan to shoot home from the edge of the box.

That's genuine fighting spirit

South Melbourne Hellas is in the midst of a topsy turvy season but no-one can deny the fighting spirit of at least two of its players.

One of them, a recent acquisition, and the other, an established Soccerer, are reported to have shown excellent fighting qualities after training last week.

Their verbal argument erupted into a free-for-all. The recent acquisition was quicker and more direct with his flailing fists and won the fight.

There was no sign of their set-to against Footscray J.U.S.T. though, as they frequently passed the ball to each other during Hellas' 3-2 win.

Wollongong wants top four spot

Wollongong 3 Canberra 0

Score: O'Connor 53', Adam Penalty 56', Dunleavy 65'.
Venue: Wollongong Showground.
Crowd: 2200.
Referee: Gary Power 7.
Wollongong: Preston - Willis 7, Bertagna 7, Ainsworth 7, Dunleavy 8 - Waldron 7, Fleming 7, Adam 9, Tredinnick 7 - O'Connor 8, Cotton 7.
Canberra: Hoszowski 7 - Ontong 6, T.Byrne 6, Murray 6, Ambrosino 6 - G.Byrne 6, Christopoulos 6, Bryant 6 - McLeod 6 (Stone 53th 6), Gibson 6, Purdie 6.



Philip Micallef

But when Wollongong eventually struck two goals in three minutes, Canberra's fate appeared to be sealed.

Midfielder Lee Adam displayed all his creative and inventive talents and had a hand in all three goals.

First he pinpointed a marvellous cross for O'Connor to head in the first goal past Steve Hoszowski.

Then, after converting a penalty kick for an Ambrosino 'hands' in the area, he set Cotton up with yet another dream pass and Dunleavy slotted the ball home after the striker's hard shot had rocked the crossbar.

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Tight at the top in Tassie

By WALTER PLESS

It's still neck and neck at the top in the Cadbury State League (South) competition in Tasmania following Friday night's double header in which both Juventus and Olympia scored victories.

Olympia were always the better side against Metro, but in the end, they must be thankful that they won 4-3. Whenever Olympia surged ahead, they contrived to make basic errors at the back, thus allowing Metro back into the game.

Munro (2), Tarras and Sherman scored for the Greek side, while John McIntyre with two goals, and Paul Hallam, were Metro's scorers.

high corner into the penalty area and it was the Juventus right back, Harrison, who rose above the other heads to head the ball home. Until then, the game lacked excitement and a draw was on the cards.

Harrison got in the act again half an hour later when he floated a high ball from the right to the far post. Parodi muffed his header and the ball fell somewhat fortuitously to Ward's feet and he blasted a fierce shot into the roof of the net. It was Ward's 21st goal in 12 games and ended 'White Eagles' hopes in this match.

Eric Young made it 3-0 when he bent a low free kick through the Eagles' 'wall' and past the stunned Michoniewski in the 90th minute.

display by Juventus' sweeper, Nick Lapolla. It was his first match in almost nine months after suffering knee ligament damage in pre-season training.

Brighton won its second game of the season with an excellent 2-1 win over third placed Rapid. Parker scored both goals in the first five minutes and although Phil Kannegiesser, playing on the field instead of in goal, pulled one back for Rapid in the 56th minute, brave goalkeeping by Di Venuto saw Brighton take both points and move off the bottom of the table.

Results: Olympia beat Metro 4-3, Juventus beat White Eagles 3-0, Croatia beat South Hobart 4-1, Brighton beat Rapid 2-1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	12	2	2	4	12	18	18
Olympia	12	1	1	4	12	17	17
Rapid	12	1	1	4	16	15	15
White Eagles	12	1	1	4	18	15	15
Croatia	12	0	1	6	25	13	13
Metro	12	0	2	8	31	12	12
Brighton	12	0	0	10	28	4	4
South Hobart	12	0	0	10	48	4	4

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CROATIA 2 (Latif, Brogan) MORWELL FALCONS 3 (McClunzie 2, Bond).

CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Parton 7, Kokoska 6, Adams 7, Blissey 6 - Antolovic 8, Murphy 7, Faulkner 7 (Biskic H.T. Inj. Curcio 70th) - Latif 6, Brogan 6, Gojevic 7.
FALCONS: Whiteside 7 - Smart 6, Higham 6, Irvine 7, Newell 6 - Bingham 7, Daniels (Inj. van Baer 10th 7), O'Callaghan 7 - Bond 7, McClunzie 8, Mitten 8.

Morwell's Big M's, McClunzie and Mitten, and their inspired, competitive team mates conspired to hatch a devilish plot which killed off Croatia's chances of winning the State League championship.

Falcons surely are an exciting team. If they're not scoring goals at one end of the pitch they're giving them away at the other.

Six minutes passed before Sandy Irvine prepared to take a free kick a few metres outside his area on the left side.

Keeper Bill Whiteside ran toward Irvine looking for the simple tap back but Croatia striker Dave Brogan came over and stood next to Whiteside. Irvine quickly took the free but misused sending the ball to the feet of Osman Latif about 10 metres away. The young Croatia striker kept his head well, looked up and saw the gaping goal and struck the ball into the net from about 20 metres out.

About 10 minutes later though Falcons hit back. McClunzie's back header to Mitten was headed back to big McClunzie who switched play to Harry Bingham on the right and took off into the Croatia area. Bingham cut inside his opponent and sent over an inch perfect near post ball to the incoming McClunzie whose firm header gave Croatia keeper Peter Blasby no chance.

Falcons kept going forward and Croatia

always looked susceptible at the back, being caught square far too often.

Mitten burst clear in the 32nd minute down the right, controlled well near the by-line, looked up and saw McClunzie at the back post and sent over a fine chip. McClunzie had to move away from goal to meet the ball with his head but he still was able to power it hard and fast past Blasby.

One minute into the second stanza scores should have been level. Jozo Antolovic cleverly took a quick free kick and sent little Josip Biskic down the right. Biskic crossed and Steve Gojevic headed over to end the ensuing goalmouth melee.

Biskic's appearance as a half time replacement for cultured midfielder Jeff Faulkner was amazing. Faulkner certainly wasn't Croatia's worst first half performer and Biskic was injured, lasting only 20 minutes before being replaced by half fit Tony Curcio.

Croatia deservedly levelled in the 54th

minute when Antolovic back headed over the Falcons' defence to unmarked Dave Brogan who neatly slipped the ball under Whiteside's body from six metres.

A fine counter attack, a dreadful mistake from Steve Kokoska, an ounce of luck and the opportunism of Bond combined to produce the decisive goal in the 78th minute.

John O'Callaghan was inside his defensive half and played the ball inside to McClunzie whose first time switch of play to the left should easily have been cut out by Kokoska. Somehow Kokoska completely missed and Mitten was motoring toward the Croatia goal. Blasby came out and parried well but was unfortunate as the ball lobbed up in the air. Mitten ran in and headed goalward but Blasby recovered quickly only to get a hand to the ball and watch in dismay as the incoming Bond finished off the move and Croatia from a metre out.

STATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

W	L	D	Pts
Ajax	12	2	37
Croatia	9	2	30
Polonia	8	1	30
Hellas Hakoah	7	3	16
Morwell Falcons	8	1	26
Juventus	7	2	25
Croydon	5	6	15
George Cross	5	3	24
Wilhelmina	5	4	20
Albion Rovers	2	7	19
Sunshine	3	5	12
Doveton	2	10	9
Norhtcote	2	10	13
Frankston	1	4	9

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REVENGE FOR AJAX, MacKAY MAY JOIN CROATIA

Green Gully Ajax will win the State League championship if it beats Juventus at Olympic Park No. 2 ground on Sunday.

Surely Ajax manager-coach Bobby MacLachlan won't have to strain his well worn vocal cords to motivate his players here.

Ajax is out to protect its four point league lead and to avenge its loss to Juventus earlier this season. What more motivation do the Ajax players need?

These players will show their true colors on Sunday and win well. They form the classiest outfit in the league and thoroughly deserve to be perched in top spot.

In John Gardiner and Stuart Cannell Ajax has the best central defensive combination in the league. Big Juventus striker Joe McGroarty won't find goals as easily come by as he did last weekend at Waratah Reserve.

MacLachlan was angered by Press comments after Juventus won 2-1 at Green Gully Reserve earlier this season. One journalist was so moved by the Juventus victory to proclaim that it had been almost a decade since the State League had seen a team of the calibre of Juve, 1952 style. He's been made to eat his words since and he'll be silenced for all time on Sunday.

Big rumors doing the rounds at Croatia was that transfer listed defender Steve

SATURDAY

Albion Rovers v Croatia at Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Polonia at Jubilee Park, 2.45 pm.

Morwell Falcons v Sunshine at North Crinigan Reserve, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY

Frankston City v Norhtcote at Centenary Park, 3 pm.

George Cross v Croydon at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Hellas-Hakoah v Doveton at Middle Park, 3 pm.

Juventus v Ajax at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

Short would be invited back this week. If so he could be rushed into the side for Saturday's clash at Selwyn Park against Albion Rovers.

And it wouldn't surprise if former Scottish international fullback Duncan MacKay takes over as coach of Croatia.

MacKay resigned last week as coach of First Division club Moreland and Croatia president Joe Sigur has a high regard for MacKay's coaching ability.

Import Drago Deankovic, a 23 year old from NK Rijeka in Yugoslavia, could make his debut on Saturday for Croatia.

Albion is hard to beat at the best of times. On the burly surface of its home ground it should be able to hold out for a point against a Croatia outfit strangely lacking in commitment.

Sunshine's revitalised effort against Ringwood Wilhelmina on Sunday sets up a great confrontation with high flying

Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve this weekend.

I'm sticking with Falcons though. They really look good going forward. Provided they maintain their attacking attitude they can knock off the Shiners.

Polonia's drive to establish itself as a top four side may later at Jubilee Park on Saturday when it runs into a Ringwood Wilhelmina outfit bent on erasing the memory of last weekend's reversal.

I'm tipping a draw, provided Wilhelmina keeps classy Janusz Przybyla in check and doesn't let Alex Marshall catch it out on the break.

Either Frankston City or Norhtcote will be overcome by the relegation blues at the end of their clash at Centenary Park on Sunday.

I'm going for a draw, a bad result for the Baysiders at home, because Norhtcote is going to surprise quite a few sides in the next few weeks.

"Soccer Action" readers may remember the bottle of Scotch I won from a senior Frankston official last year. Believe it if you can but I still haven't sighted that nectar of the gael.

A draw with Norhtcote on Sunday will be the first nail in their coffin.

Doveton already has a foot in First Division and won't get any joy from its visit to Middle Park to take Jim Adam's Hellas-Hakoah.

Croydon will beat George Cross at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday. I think it's just about time for Ian Loughnane to hit the goal scoring trail with a vengeance.

Rooney scores twice in Croydon debut

CROYDON 2 (Rooney 2) HELLAS-HAKOAH 2 (Cummings, Gray)

CROYDON: Edwards 8 - Rainey 7, Haupt 8, McCombe 7, Hobson 7, Corkin 7 (Thackrah 70th), J. Rooney 8, Dobson 8 - P. Loughnane 7, I. Loughnane 7, Nolan 7.
HELLAS-HAKOAH: Parson 5 - Davidson 7, Kalfatis 7, Hannah 8, S. Rooney 7 - Buzinovski 7, Owen 7, Madden 6 (Wilson H.T. 7), Gray 7, Abram 5, Cummings 8.

Two first half goals by Croydon's new \$3000 signing, former Soccerop Captain Jimmy Rooney, were cancelled out by Hellas-Hakoah during a dramatic last 10 minutes at Croydon Park.

Rooney, the former Lions, APIA, Marconi and Heidelberg midfielder, made a dream debut for his new club when he found space on the left side of the area in the first half and hammered the ball home inside the far post.

Croydon fans were incensed when their penalty pleas were ignored later in the half after Rooney appeared to have been brought down inside Hellas-Hakoah's area.

But the home side capped a great opening 45 minutes by making it 2-0 just before the break.

Rooney made a 50 metre off-the-ball run to Peter Loughnane took off down the right. He crossed, a Hellas-Hakoah defender missed with an attempted clearance and Rooney was on hand to strike the ball under the body of 17 year old goalkeeper Mark Perree.

With 10 minutes left a terrible defensive blunder by Croydon let in elusive Duncan Cummings who made it 2-1.

Steve McCombe charged toward a long kick downfield by Perree but stopped allowing a Hellas-Hakoah opponent to head the ball on. Mike Rainey and Graham Haupt both went for the ball, stopped, and in darted the fleet footed Cummings who broke clear and shot past Micky Edwards.

It seemed that Croydon would hold out for both points until Eddie Gray bobbed up at the back post in the last minute and salvaged a point for the visitors.

The Shiners are back to their best. That's the opinion of joint coach Steve Gae after midfielder Rob Nelson notched a hat-trick in his side's 3-1 win over much improved Ringwood Wilhelmina.

"The boys are starting to get back to their Buffalo Cup form at last," said Gae.

"They're starting to believe in themselves again. Robbie Nelson got among the goals and Norhtcote played, his best game for some time."



Jimmy Rooney

NELSON LEADS REVIVAL

SUNSHINE 3 (R. Nelson 3) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Gibson)

SUNSHINE: Masseni 6 - Musal 6, Lowe 7, Gramsbergen 9, Taylor 8 - Bain 8, Waters 8, R. Nelson 8 - Mudzic 7 (McKally 65th), Pate 8, D. Nelson 8.

WILHELMINA: Barclay 7 - Paaman 8, O'Riley 5 (de Graaf 70th), Luyten 4, Vermeers 5 - Gibson 5, Trant 5, Thomas 4 (van Luenden H.T. 5) - Hoyland 5, Carroll 4, Stewart 5.

Wilhelmina, fresh from its giant killing effort against Croatia the previous week, suffered its first setback in the 55th minute.

Chris Taylor had pushed forward from his left back spot and sent over a far post free kick to Rob Nelson who headed down and past the despairing goalkeeper Ken Barclay.

Five minutes later scores were level. Dennis Masseni was caught out of position and Dave Gibson scored direct from a corner. Masseni claimed after the match that he had been infringed.

Former Kiwi international Billy de Graaf replaced sweeper Paul O'Riley in the 70th minute and played a bad back pass to Barclay. Pate intercepted and shot against the big Wilhelmina keeper but Nelson was following up and slammed the ball home from about 15 metres.

Sunshine fans hadn't reacted happily about five minutes earlier when young John Mudzic was replaced by John McNally but they were silenced when McNally beat three opponents down the right and crossed to Rob Nelson whose fine diving header settled the scoreline.

Where's Best?

Where's Martin Best? Juventus dearly would love to know.

Apparently so would a few players playing with a club in Hong Kong.

But the man who came here telling us all that he was a cousin of George Best appears to have disappeared.

Mila, Macleod

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The best players from each club for last weekend's game were: Sunshine v Ringwood Wilhelmina: Gramsbergen (S), Paaman (RW).

Norhtcote v Albion Rovers: Nixon (N), Creany (AR).

Croatia v Morwell Falcons: Antolovic (C), Neale (MF).

Polonia v George Cross: Mils (P), Vella (GC).

Croydon v Hellas-Hakoah: Haupt (C), Cummings (H-H).

Doveton v Juventus: Webster (D), McGroarty (J).

Ajax v Frankston: Gardiner (A), Drinczyk (F).

Polonia's classy sweeper Stefan Mils and Frankston City stopper Paul Drinczyk lead the voting with 18 votes each.

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Ajax striker George Macleod, the penalty king, leads with 12 goals followed by team mate Paul Vella with 10 goals. Dave Brogan of Croatia and Morwell Falcons striker Richie McClunzie are next with nine goals each.

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AJAX 5 (Paul Lewis 2, Macleod penalty, Boyle, Morrey) FRANKSTON CITY 0

AJAX: Denis 7 - Peter Lewis 7 (Barnett 60th), Gardiner 8, Cannell 8, Hoggan 8 - Boyle 8, Smallman 7, Williams 8 - Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 8, Morrey 7 (Graham 80th).

FRANKSTON: Peterson 8, Pye 8, Drincosky 8, Ormond 8, Wright 5 (D. Whitehead 6, Mitchell 6, Cooke 6, C. Whitehead 6, Stewart 5, Sekulski 5 - Buchanan 5, Stewart 5). The home side should have been four goals up when it finally opened its account in the 30th minute.

Bill Morrey passed to Paul Lewis who rounded young Andrew Wright and slotted the ball past the advancing Peterson.

Six minutes later Wright brought down Paul Lewis inside the Frankston area and Gus Macleod did his business from the penalty spot.

A minute later the avalanche gathered momentum as Paul Lewis broke clear into a through ball and gave Peterson no chance.

A free kick outside the Frankston area saw the ball played to Ajax newcomer Peter Boyle, signed from Preston Makedonia last week and the former West Adelaide midfielder slammed the ball away.

Dead Doves

DOVETON 1 (Webster) JUVENILES 5 (McGrory 3, P. Bannon penalty, Incantalupo)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 5 - Thurlow 6, Corke 7, Huxford 7 (C. Middleton 60th), Middleton 60th, McMejor 7, Train 6, Andrews 6, Bruce 7 (Walt 7th) - Webster 8, Spink 6.

JUVENILES: Clayton 7 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 7, Donaldson 7, Hird 7 - Nelson 8 (Inj. Warner 60th), Cunningham 7, Swincoe 7 - Gieremia 7, McGrory 6, Incantalupo 7.

A hat-trick to big Irish striker Joe McGrory and a comedy of errors at the back for Doveton at Waratah Reserve combined to make the home side odds on favorite to drop out of State League this season.

Peter Thurlow brought down Kevin Swincoe inside the area and Paddy Bannon made it 2-0 from the penalty spot just after half time.

Then midfielder Jim Train tried to pass back to Ivanoff but the ball hit the post, rebounded onto Ivanoff's back and there was McGrory to knock it into the empty goal and finish it 3-0.

Incantalupo let fly with a fierce dipping shot from about 20 metres to make it 4-0 and big McGrory pounced on a Paul Corke error, rounded two defenders and slotted the ball past Ivanoff to make it 5-0.

Fine debut by Smolarek

POLONIA 3 (Marshall 2, P. Czapiak) GEORGE CROSS 1 (Gilder)

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 8 - Klein 8 (Inj. Pichner 50th), A. Czapiak 8, Mile 8, Smolarek 8 - Lipiarski 8, P. Czapiak 8, Czolnowski 8 - Lekic 8, Prybyla 8, Maczall 8.

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 7 - Morgan 7, Wilkinson 7, Bilisic 7, Plani 6 (Zeliger H.T. 7) - Scarr 7, Raby 7, McCann 7, Vella 8 - Toal 7, Gilder 7.

Former LKS Lodz defender Mirek Smolarek made his debut for Polonia and blotted out ace George Cross striker Bobby Toal. Smolarek came to Australia about 14 months ago but only was able to play for Polonia once Richard Sekulski moved to Frankston, opening up a temporary vacancy.

Janusz Prybyla and Peter Czapiak played a fine one-two inside the Cross area in the 11th minute and Czapiak scored.

Polonia went further ahead after 28 minutes when big Alex Marshall let fly from about 12 metres on a tight angle.

Carl Gilder's header into the far corner in the 60th minute gave Cross some hope of a draw but Marshall "skinned" two defenders with five minutes remaining and expertly slotted the ball past the helpless Tachris.

Constantinon gets two

NORTHCOTE 2 (Constantinon 2) ALBION ROVERS 2 (Lutton o.g., Cutler)

NORTHCOTE: Karamitsis 7 - Nelson 7, Maitland 8, Lutton (Inj. Tetasos 15th 8), Boskic 8 - Nelson 8, Wright 7, Fakos 7, Luccardi 7 (Bol 55th 7) - Constantinon 6, McCarty 6.

ALBION: Leacock 6 - Cutler 8, McKinnon 7, Cressy 8, Nesbit 7 - Farrie 6, Reilly 6 (Murphy H.T. 7), Coyle 6 - Lloyd 8, S. McMillen 6, Smart 7.

Northcote's teenage striker Peter Constantinon gave his club renewed hope of pushing clear from the relegation zone with two goals against Albion on Sunday.

The youngster gave the Northerners an 8th minute lead with an incredible goal from a tight angle.

Former South Melbourne Hellas sweeper Bertie Lutton stuck out a foot in the way of an Albion free kick and deflected the ball past young Spiro Karamitsis in the Northcote goal to level a few minutes later.

Albion hit the front with about 20 minutes remaining when Karamitsis looked badly positioned behind his defensive wall and Gary Cutler's free kick sent the ball shooting into the Northcote goal.

But Constantinon was at the back post in the 80th minute to make no mistake from close range and give his side a well deserved point.

Goalkeeper

Dennis Bolland and striker Jim Paparas joined Second Division club South Melbourne Mordialloc just before the June 30 transfer deadline.

Bolland was signed on loan till the end of the season from PSL club Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$2,500.

Paparas was bought for \$4,500 from George Cross.

They will link up with former J.U.S.T. star Jim Kriaris and South Melbourne Mordialloc player-coach Billy Rae, ex-Hakoah, Albion, Melbourne and Box Hill star.

Young Greg Stamboulidis, a midfielder or striker, also has joined. He signed from Northcote.

Kriaris scored South Melbourne Mordialloc's goal in its fine 1-1 draw with St Albans Dinamo on Saturday but was sent off in the 48th minute.

Former Footscray J.U.S.T. star Joe Picloane who left Marconi with the intention of playing with Fawkner, will coach Provisional League club Batman Lazio until the end of the season.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

BOX HILL 5 (Ramos, Taylor Pen., Patterson, Verachia, Hughes 40 min.) ALTONA CITY 2 (Hands, Hamill Pen.)

BOX HILL: Morgan 7, McLeod 7, Roodhouse 8, Lawler 7, Brownlie 8, Hughes 8, Ramos 6, Tolmie 8, (Priestley 50 min.) 6, Verachia 7, Patterson 7, Taylor 7.

ALTONA CITY: Vanderpool 8, Wilson 8, Hyalor 7, Yilmaz 5, (Kilpatrick H.T. 6), Hamill 7, Leonard 5, Mercer 6, Mamishi 4, Prior 5, Jones 5, (O'Boyle 80 min.) 1, Hands 7.

A scintillating first half display in which they netted five times was enough to give Box Hill a comfortable win, over Altona City, despite a second half slump during which the ball past Ivanoff to make it 5-0.

The second half was only four minutes off when the visitors began their salvage job. A determined run down the right by Leonard carried the ball almost to the corner flag and his cross eluded four Box Hill defenders and two Altona forwards before reaching Hands at the far post. The young winger made no mistake from close range giving Morgan no chance.

Box Hill did not seem to be able to recapture their rhythm and verve of the first half, and the visitors pressed forward, eager to triumph over a seemingly lost cause, forcing the Hillmen to concede a number of corners. From one of these Mercer fired in a shot which struck Taylor on the shin and referee Zoumas had no hesitation in awarding a penalty kick.

Hamill struck the ball well but was horrified to see it slam into the post before cannoning around the onrushing players of both sides. In the ensuing melee the ball found its way to Memishi who was clattered by Ramos and Zoumas again pointed to the spot. This time Hamill made no mistake sending Morgan the wrong way.

KNOX CITY 1 (House) ALTONA GATE 3 (Micoevski 2, Anastasovski).

KNOX: Turudica, Allison, Thompson, S. Smith (Schneider, H.T.) Murray Dixon, D. Smith, McNell, House, Lambrell, Dideo (Wild 78th).

ALTONA GATE: Scherbin, Tenevski, Dinovski, Serovski, Talavski, Zornovski, C. Talavski, Kitanovski, Nivevski, Anastasovski, Kitanovski.

Nicevski was having a great game and giving Knox lots of problems. He scored again after Smith missed a header and then a cracking shot hit the bar and bounced on the line.

Anastasovski made it 3-0 after a good save by Turudica was followed up with the ease of chances.

DIVISION TWO BROADMEADOWS CITY 2 (Penzo, Zuanetti), SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Greener).

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Jones, Acosta, Sendra, Vezini, Sacco, Addy, De So, Zuanetti, Penzo, Vaccaro.

SPRINGVALE: Runje, Keogh, Halbig, Vessala, Sattler, Golan, Malt, Pandry, Lannon, Patten, Greener.

Two promotion contenders fought out a hard but fair game.

Broadmeadows kicking with the wind, incurred two early bookings, and were pegged back by a confident Springvale outfit. Broadmeadows keeper saved well from Greener and with defences dominant a 0-0 half time score resulted.

Springvale continued to press after the restart and it was no surprise when Greener hit home after good work by Lannon and Pandry.

This was the signal for Broadmeadows to open up and with Springvale committed to further increase their lead, Broadmeadows twice broke through to register a closely fought victory.



Jim Paparas

visitors snatched back two goals to give the result a certain air of respectability.

It didn't take the youthful Hillmen long to get into their stride and they opened the scoring with the game barely five minutes old. Roodhouse advancing from the left back position found Verachia on the edge of the area, a reverse pass to Taylor left the whole Altona defence on the wrong foot and Patterson's cross found Ramos in space 15 metres out. The clever midfielder took the ball in his stride, and slotted it past Vanderpool with a minimum of fuss.

In the 18th minute the Hillmen increased their lead when Memishi ran straight through Ramos on the penalty spot, and Taylor drove the resulting spot kick hard and low into the bottom right hand corner. Altona battled desperately to get back into the game, but were unable to penetrate the iron curtain thrown up by Brownie, Lawler, McLeod and Roodhouse.

In the 20th minute the Hillmen notched their third goal. Verachia was fouled on the left touchline, and Ramos took the free kick quickly. Patterson on the left hand corner of the penalty area allowed the ball to run past him and hit it left foot on the turn into the far corner, past the despairing left hand of Vanderpool.

The Hillmen's lead, and their grip on the game, was further extended in the 37th and 40th minutes when first Verachia nodded home Tolmie's cross, then Hughes following up a Patterson shot parry, buried the ball in the bottom left hand corner to record goal number five.

Best Players: Melbourne - Bird, Miller, McConville, Ardeer; Wisniewski, Czernicki, Blischak.

Melbourne and Ardeer drew 1-1 in a very entertaining match, only marred by some very bad refereeing.

Both teams had scoring opportunities in the first half with Ardeer's best opportunity coming in the 32nd minute when Christodias sent Saliba through who only managed to hit the upright.

In the second half Ardeer ran Melbourne ragged with Wisniewski and Czernicki dominating. Ardeer's good team work was capped off in the 66th minute when Wisniewski slotted home a loose ball from inside the area.

In the 78th minute a poor refereeing decision saw McDonald obtain the equaliser. Although the final result 1-1 was disappointing, Ardeer's effort and teamwork was tremendous.

DIVISION THREE YALLOURN 1 (Williams) SUNBURY UTD 2 (Campbell, Train).

YALLOURN: Plavina, Thompson, Bianconi, Douglas, Stansbury, Hirst, Henderson, Broad, Day, McWhirter, Suba - Wilson, Caesar, Dulpas, SUNBURY: Grech, Gray, Duncan, Clarke, Blackley, Evans, Campbell, Train, McConquodale, Thompson, Stewart, Suba - Scott, Maric, Sacton.

Best Players: Yalourn - Williams, McWhirter, Henderson, Sunbury - Campbell, Train, Stewart.

Sunbury won a very good game on Saturday at Yalourn with a good competitive performance from both teams which entertained the fans.

Sunbury went into the lead at 30 minutes when a cross from Ray Evans on the right wing was headed in off the post by midfielder Trevor Campbell.

Yalourn equalised just after half time when they split open the Sunbury defence with a series of one-twos and Alan Williams slotted home.

Sunbury's left winger Hugh Stewart was causing all sorts of problems to the Yalourn defence and at 70 minutes was pulled down just inside the penalty area. George Train slammed the ball home for the winner.

Sunbury centre half Alan Blackley was sent off with 18 mins to go for dissent.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE ROSANNA 4 (Mooney) NUNAWADING UNITED 2 (Ergrini, Chighine)

ROSANNA: Barber, Mills, Fegan, M. Vanderzwerf, Fegan, J. Daly, Saragosa, Whistler, Brown, Mooney, Palermo.

NUNAWADING UNITED: Stangh, Abbott, Law, Del'Orno, Di Lorenzo, Chighine, Morfinelli, Torrali, Ergrini, Whita, Di Piero (D'Andrea 70th).

Best Players: Nunawading Utd - Ergrini, Law, Chighine, Rosanna - Brown, Barber, Fegan.

Under new coach Fred Brooks, United had Rosanna at full stretch for the first half.

Ergrini's goal and Brown's equaliser were both due to errors by the keepers. In the 15th minute United's one touch soccer bore fruit with a good goal by Chighine. Only two brilliant and courageous saves by Barber kept United from extending their lead.

The second half was Rosanna's which took the string out of United's attack by denying ball supply to Ergrini.

Three goals by Mooney from the right in the 35th, through the centre in the 75th and in the left in the 83rd gave Rosanna victory.

Partisan spectators would have found the game exciting but the quality of soccer was nothing to write home about.

Penalty helps Fawkner, Bozikas sent off

By JOE PICIOANE

FAWKNER 2 (C. Sabidussi, Tuffield) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Howe)

FAWKNER: Terzini 6, Petrov 6, Fattore 7, Gooney 6-5, Schipano 7, B. Sabidussi 6, C. Sabidussi 6 (Sabidussi 80th), Mainanti 5 (Anselma Hots 6), Bozikas 6 (sent off both), Tuffield 6-5, Curcio 7.

W. SUBURBS: Johnston 6, Kypridis 7, Kuplos 6, Matheson 5, Howe 6-5, Vojtek 7, Moore 7-5, Lokes 5-5 (Bord), Segi 6, S. Karlin 5 (S. Dimovski 65th), Z. Gidner 6.

The clash between these two sides was to determine who would have the better chance of promotion and Fawkner was somewhat lucky to escape with points, thanks to a well taken goal by Ian Tuffield.

The game started with Suburbs combining well with Kypridis starting many Suburbs' attacks down the right side.

Suburbs however did not capitalise on Fawkner's slack marking throughout the game.

Segi had a shot well saved by Terzini.

Then Fawkner worked the ball up the left and it came to Bozikas in the box. In trying to kick the ball over his shoulder towards goal it hit Billy Vojtek on the hand and the referee hesitantly blew for a penalty.

Carlo Sabidussi took the kick and sent Johnson the wrong way.

The second half started with Tony Manient being replaced by Mario Anselma who created problems for the Suburbs defence with his skill.

Then in the 60th minute Bozikas was sent off for allegedly striking Johnson.

Suburbs capitalised on Fawkner's lapse after the incident and Howe lobbed the ball over Terzini who was badly placed.

It looked like curtains for Fawkner and Suburbs attacked constantly until the 78th minute when the tall Tuffield played an excellent one-two with Bruno Sabidussi and let fly with a left foot shot that beat Johnson all the way.

As the full-time whistle blew, Fawkner rejoiced at getting a step closer to its ambition of playing in the State League.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
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Penalty helps Fawkner, Bozikas sent off

By JOE PICIOANE

FAWKNER 2 (C. Sabidussi, Tuffield) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Howe)

FAWKNER: Terzini 6, Petrov 6, Fattore 7, Gooney 6-5, Schipano 7, B. Sabidussi 6, C. Sabidussi 6 (Sabidussi 80th), Mainanti 5 (Anselma Hots 6), Bozikas 6 (sent off both), Tuffield 6-5, Curcio 7.

W. SUBURBS: Johnston 6, Kypridis 7, Kuplos 6, Matheson 5, Howe 6-5, Vojtek 7, Moore 7-5, Lokes 5-5 (Bord), Segi 6, S. Karlin 5 (S. Dimovski 65th), Z. Gidner 6.

The clash between these two sides was to determine who would have the better chance of promotion and Fawkner was somewhat lucky to escape with points, thanks to a well taken goal by Ian Tuffield.

The game started with Suburbs combining well with Kypridis starting many Suburbs' attacks down the right side.

Suburbs however did not capitalise on Fawkner's slack marking throughout the game.

Segi had a shot well saved by Terzini.

Then Fawkner worked the ball up the left and it came to Bozikas in the box. In trying to kick the ball over his shoulder towards goal it hit Billy Vojtek on the hand and the referee hesitantly blew for a penalty.

Carlo Sabidussi took the kick and sent Johnson the wrong way.

The second half started with Tony Manient being replaced by Mario Anselma who created problems for the Suburbs defence with his skill.

Then in the 60th minute Bozikas was sent off for allegedly striking Johnson.

Suburbs capitalised on Fawkner's lapse after the incident and Howe lobbed the ball over Terzini who was badly placed.

It looked like curtains for Fawkner and Suburbs attacked constantly until the 78th minute when the tall Tuffield played an excellent one-two with Bruno Sabidussi and let fly with a left foot shot that beat Johnson all the way.

As the full-time whistle blew, Fawkner rejoiced at getting a step closer to its ambition of playing in the State League.

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Ft. Gault 'A'	9	5	2	2	32	11	12
Millington 'A'	9	5	2	2	36	19	12

Doumar 'A'	8	7	0	1	28	3
Clarendon 'A'	7	6	1	0	39	8
Clayton	8	4	2	2	20	14
Brighton	8	4	1	3	17	16
Norwalsingham City	8	3	2	3	13	11
Lyndale 'A'	7	3	0	4	14	15
Knox City 'A'	8	1	3	4	17	13

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For me, the outstanding memory of this World Cup will be the heat, the energy-sapping stifling, dehydrating heat that probably more than any other factor, was responsible for the success of Algeria and Honduras.

To say that it was 212°C at 11 pm is only to half-state the case, as Scotland's poor Alan Brazil would be the first to testify.

Fifteen minutes before the end of each game, two players are picked at random for a routine urine test (the shadow of Willie Johnston hangs over the Cup still), and one night it was Brazil's turn.

But Brazil was so dehydrated that he couldn't manage, despite having cold water poured over him and being stood in an ice-bucket (now there's a remedy for man gasping for a drink!) Until finally, at 3.30 am, the FIFA officials relented and let him go back to the hotel, to be fetched back next morning when he successfully did the trick.

That test, was ironically, ruled invalid anyway, because he had not been chaperoned through the night by a FIFA official.

Canny Jack Stein had the last word.

Asked at a Press conference the day after the Brazil game



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if there were any injuries. Stein replied with a straight face 'Och aye, there's poor Braz.... he canna pee!'

The heat and constantly high humidity, not only here in Malaga, but in Seville and even in supposedly cooler Bilbao, could be the reason for the eclipse of so many British and European players who had star status previously.

Scotland seemed to suffer most in this regard. Who would have imagined the total eclipse of Kenny Dailgish, the woeiful showing of Graham Souness, and Alan Hansen's struggle for form?

England was more fortunate. Brooking wasn't exposed and poor Kevin Keegan was injured but in Bryan Robson it has a player of very high quality who could become great.

But then there are the Brazilians. Their second-half performance against Russia had to be seen to be believed and just to show it wasn't a flash in the pan, they turned it all on against Scotland.

Those two hours of magic more than compensate for the endless boredom served up by some others.



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